

Wilmington Library News:

Join the library for an author visit with Kristen Perrotti

Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, April 8, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, April 9, 2 p.m.
Thursday, April 10, 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 12, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, April 7, 6-8 p.m.
These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in.

Cookin' The Books

Tuesday, April 8, 12 p.m.
If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes, then this group is for you! Grab a copy of the cookbook, register on the library's event calendar, and record your recipe. Bring your dish to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes! Featured Cookbook: Mamushka by Olia Hercules.

Slice & Dice — A Pizza and Table Top Game Night

Tuesday, April 8, 6-8 p.m.
Join Librarians Mary and Marie for Slice & Dice, our monthly pizza and table top game night for adults. Each month, we'll kick off with a featured game, followed by open play where you can explore our game library or bring your own favorites to share with the group!

Fun & Function of iPhone

Thursday, April 10, 2:30 p.m.
Whether you're new to the iPhone or looking to unlock its hidden potential, this session will cover essential tips, tricks, and features to make your device both practical and enjoyable.

Unlocking Homeownership: A Step-by-Step Seminar

Thursday, April 10, 6-7:30 p.m.
Come spend an evening with a panel of local experts who are eager to share their knowledge and passion about the home buying process.

Needleworkers

Friday, April 11, 10 a.m. -

12 p.m.

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop-in.

Youth Programs

STEAM Team

Monday, April 7, 6 p.m.
Learn and have fun at the same time in this engaging STEAM program! Grades K-5

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, April 8, 10 a.m.
Join us at Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement for children aged 2! Ages 3-6

Learn to Crochet for Teens

Tuesday, April 8, 6 p.m.
Teens & tweens, learn to crochet! This program provides an introduction to everything that you need to know about the world of crochet, including how to make your own items by following patterns.

Time for Twos

Wednesday, April 9, 10 a.m.
Time for Twos includes books, rhymes, music and movement for children aged 2! Age 2

Playful Pathways: Parent Book Club (VIRTUAL)

Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m.
This monthly book club will cover the 7 essential life skills featured in Ellen Galinsky's book, The Mind in the Making. Because this event will be held via Zoom, children are welcome to be in attendance. Recommended for parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5

Baby Time

Thursday, April 10, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

Crafternoon

Thursday, April 10, 3:45 p.m.
Make a fun craft with us during Crafternoon! Grades 4-8.

Music with Dara

Friday, April 11, 10 a.m.
With keyboard, felt board, and finger puppets, Dara



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(Courtesy photo)

weaves songs (old and new favorites) and creative movement for a fun-filled musical program! Ages 2-5, siblings welcome

LEGO Building

Friday April 11, 3:45 p.m.
Build with LEGOs at the same time as other LEGO fans and display what you make in the library!

Author Visit with Kristen Perrotti

Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m.
Please join Kristen Perrotti, a local author and Wilmington alum, as she reads her newly published children's book "Shark and His Visitors: a book about BIG feelings".

Additional Information

New Museum Pass — Public Health Museum!

Wilmington Memorial Library now offers a pass to the Public Health Museum in Tewksbury. Opened in 1994, the museum collection consists of records and artifacts from the nation's public health history. Walking tours of the 800-plus acres of the campus, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, are also available. Please visit <https://wilmingtonlibrary.org/services/mp/> for more information.

Hoopla is now available

on LG TV's!

Patrons can now seamlessly browse, borrow, and stream audiobooks, movies, television, and music through their LG TV. When downloaded to their television, the Hoopla app will guide patrons through a simple account connection and login. Visit <https://www.hoopladigital.com/Television> for more information.

Registration is Open: Thursday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.

(The Fez Room at the Shriner's Auditorium)
Wilmington Memorial Library is hosting best-selling novelist Chris Bohjalian whose newest book

The Jackal's Mistress comes out in March! This first event in our new off-site author series will feature a presentation by Mr. Bohjalian, book sales/signing, a cash bar, and light refreshments. Registration is now open: <https://bit.ly/wmlbehindthescene>

Annual Poetry Contest: Submission's Open Now!

Celebrate National Poetry Month by submitting to our Annual Poetry Contest: Verse vs. Verse! This year's theme revolves around play, gaming, and connection — just like our Summer Reading Program! For more information, visit wilmingtonlibrary.org/poetry2025. Plus, join us for a Poetry Night on May 7th at 6pm to celebrate the winners and enjoy refreshments. The deadline to submit a poem is Wednesday, April 30.

Book Store Next Door

Regular hours are back at The Book Store Next Door! The bookstore is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list by visiting www.wilmingtonlibrary.org/services/mp.

WML In-Person & Virtual Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs and is required for all virtual programs, as you will need to register in order to receive the Zoom link. You can register on our website at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org or by calling (978) 658-2967.

Local students named to Dean's List at UMass Amherst

AMHERST — The following students were named to the fall 2024 Dean's List at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Students are appointed to the Dean's List at the end of a semester in which they have completed a minimum of 12 graded credits and have earned a grade point average of 3.500 or better.

TEWKSBURY

Shreya Athalye
Ryan Benchater
Amena Bhatti
Lauren Bielecki
Lindsey Booth
Albert Bosworth
Rebecca Boudreau
Jenna Bradley
Julia Bragg
Donald Bresette
Marykate Callinan
Colby Flahive

Daniel Franklin
Hailey Furilla
Lily Gigante
Emma Giordano
Cameron Heichman
Fiona Ho
Kathryn Kelley
Elizabeth Kenneally
Owen Kinnon
Lovens Lamousnery
Eyhvong Leung
Adriana Lopez
Alyssa Morello
Jason Morris
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Emersyn Foresyth
Jonathan Foresyth
Anay Gandhi
Alissa Ganley
Joe Ganley
Alicia Gardner
Anna Germano
Emily Gray
Sara Hughes
Alexa Kelley
Emily Kitanov
Kelci MacKenzie
Ryan MacLellan
Marni McBride

Leila McLaren
Katherine McLaughlin
Jake McLean
John McNamara
Kelsey Mendonca
Jeffrey Min
Carina O'Donnell
Eric Packer
Nathaniel Packer
Ryan Packer
Aryan Patil
Shane Penney
Nicolas Piazza
Emily Pinto
Abigail Reddivari
Annika Reddivari
Ella Reynolds
Denizio Ricupero
Edward Ricupero
Ethan Ryan
Anthony Savage
Evan Shackelford
Arjun Sonawane
Eric Spinney
Kevin Stevens
Dylan Tran
Ryan Weinstein
Connor Wood
Jisun Yoon

Wilmington hosts annual pre-K to 8 STEM Fair

WILMINGTON — On Tuesday, March 25, 2025, Wilmington Public Schools hosted the annual pre-K to 8 STEM Fair at the Wilmington Middle School. More than 400 students and their families attended the event. The Analog Devices Foundation funded the event, which was also supported by the Wilmington Educational Foundation.

The STEM Fair Planning Committee, consisting of Amy Iacone (NIS fifth grade and science lead teacher), Julie Kim (WHS chemistry teacher and science CTL), Michelle LeVesque (K-5 STEM coordinator), Mary Beth Valuk (WHS math teacher and math CTL), and Stephanie Zimbaldi (Boutwell PreK teacher) began planning for the evening in November, finalizing 17

hands-on activity stations.

This popular event included interactive and engaging activities including make-your-own lava lamps, kinetic sand, erupting volcanoes, planting, 3D printing, robotics, straw light sabers, STEM challenges, straw flutes, ramps and rain clouds in a jar.

In addition to the stations, the planning committee found support from local community organizations and businesses, including Analog Devices, Bill Crocker's strobe light exhibit, the Energy Barre, Hazen & Sawyer, iRobot, Let Go Your Mind, Merrimack College, Mitre, MIT BeaverWorks, Mystic River Watershed Association, Stoneham Bank, USAF Civil Air Patrol, Wilmington Educational Foundation, Wilmington Memorial Library, Wilmington

Police Department and Wilmington PAWS.

All of these organizations provided opportunities for families to interact and engage with hands-on learning simulations and activities to better understand how STEM is everywhere in our daily lives. Both the Wilmington middle and high school were well represented with representation from the WMS and WHS Robotics Teams, Environmental Club, Future Scientists & Engineers Club, Science Club, and Medical Careers Club.

In addition, nearly 50 WHS students volunteered at the Fair, including members from the National Honor Society and the Wildcat Service Council. The evening would not have been possible without the support of the Wilmington Public Schools staff mem-

bers who gave their time to support the fair and run these stations.

A special shout-out to Taejasvi Andrade, Melissa Bettencourt, Megan Bucknam, Gigi Capone, Renee Deschene, Lauren DeWitt, Christine Elliott, Laura Harris, Michelle Hooper, Ed Kaizer, Michelle Kane, Marlene King, Heather Lozzi, Katherine McKenna, Laura Murray, Madison Napoli, Charles Ronchetti, Jeremy Salerno, Pamela Southern, Elissa Stephen, Kristen Tozza, Christine Venezia, and Patricia Welch.

The STEM Fair Planning Committee has already begun to talk about how to make improvements to next year's fair so that we can continue to provide enriching and engaging STEM learning experiences to WPS families.

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Lifestyle

No joke: April is National Grilled Cheese Month

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

There is something about the warm and cozy taste of the All-American grilled cheese sandwich that just seems to make everything right with the world.

During these uncertain times, we all need to seek out moments of comfort, and for those who choose to seek solace in the form of toasted, cheesy goodness, you are in luck, as April is National Grilled Cheese Month.

National Grilled Cheese Month is a tribute to the simple things in life, and there is no better simplistic pleasure than a toasty warm, grilled cheese sandwich.

This iconic comfort food is an American tradition that was inspired by similar dishes from around the world.

The pairing of bread and cheese dates back as early as The Roman Empire, who enjoyed a dish called "libum," which included melted cheese on bread.

Cheese became a staple in European diets by The Middle Ages.

European peasants and workers during this era often sustained themselves with a meal of "cheese and bread," which

was often served as cheese that was melted over an open flame and then eaten between slices of bread.

This simple meal proved to provide sustenance in a quick and easy to prepare, hot meal.

In the early 1900's, "Croque Monsieur" was introduced on French menus, although there is some debate as to the exact creation of the toasty, cheese-filled French delight.

Despite its fancy name, many will agree that Croque Monsieur is basically a fancy grilled ham and cheese sandwich mainly enjoyed in France and Europe.

It wasn't until WWII that the marriage of pre-sliced bread and processed cheese (known as Factory Cheese or American Cheese) became a staple in the U.S. military servicemen's diet.

Recipes for the "American Cheese Filling Sandwich" could be found in government-issued, military cookbooks, which included pre-sliced white bread "filled" with melted American cheese.

During the 1940's through the 1950's, American cheese sandwiches were typically served as an open faced sandwich with grated American cheese melted on top.

By the mid-1950's, the Kraft Company had intro-

▲ Enjoy the All-American classic comfort food of a grilled cheese sandwich during National Grilled Cheese month! (Heather Burns photo)

duced Kraft Singles, individually wrapped slices of processed cheese.

This newly created American convenience, along with the addition of a top slice of bread to the American toasted cheese sandwich, created the start of the modern day version of this favorite sandwich.

However, it wasn't until the mid-1960's that the term "grilled cheese" was used to describe all toasted or melted cheese sandwiches.

Today, the grilled cheese sandwich has become a beloved comfort food with a newly found surge in popularity, sparking several local restaurants whose menus focus on multiple variations of this American classic.

Roxy's Grilled Cheese, located at 292 Mass Ave. in Cambridge, serves up everything from the classic 3-cheese grilled cheese, to variations that feature such ingredients as roasted cremini mushrooms, sundried tomato and pesto, and southern BBQ pork with pickles.

Cheesy Street Grill has multiple locations in Natick, Westborough, Wellesley, and Hadley, offers in addition to the classic American grilled cheese,

specialty versions such as tuna and cheddar, boneless beef short ribs and mac and cheese (yes, on a grilled cheese sandwich), and a taco grilled cheese.

Visitors can also create their own custom sandwich with the choice of 19 different toppings to create a sandwich unique to their own tastes.

Cheese Louise also has multiple locations in New Hampshire and Maine in the areas of Portsmouth, North Conway, Conway, and Portland, ME.

Their staple sandwich is called the Vermonter, which is a mixture of Cabot Cheddar and Muenster on sourdough bread, but they also have many specialty varieties that include such added ingredients as buffalo chicken or Mexican street corn.

A fan favorite is the Hot Potato, which is a mixture of roasted potato, chive cream cheese, cheddar, and muenster on sourdough bread.

Be advised that menus for Cheese Louise vary from each location, and all locations offer different monthly specials.

Part of the beauty of the grilled cheese sandwich is they are so simplistically delicious, that they are al-

so easy to create at home.

While the traditional grilled cheese may not be the most nutritious balanced meal, Consumer Reports suggests there are easy ways to create a healthier version of this classic at home.

Start with healthier versions of your basic ingredients, like swapping low calorie margarine for butter, using whole grain breads instead of white bread, and substituting processed American cheese with a more flavorful, lower sodium and calorie cheese like Swiss cheese.

Also the addition of fruits and vegetables to your grilled cheese can amplify the overall nutritional profile and taste of a traditional sandwich.

For vegetables, try adding tomatoes, peppers, arugula or spinach for extra flavor and nutri-

tion. The easy addition of avocados or sweet potato can also add a creamy texture while still providing extra flavor and nutrients.

Fruit suggestions that add a fun twist on flavor while still adding extra nutritional value to your grilled cheese are apples, peaches and pears.

The rule to creating a signature grilled cheese that is unique to your own flavor cravings is that there are no rules.

Experiment freely with different cheeses, breads and ingredients to make that one of a kind sandwich that will still offer the same comfort and satisfying taste as the traditional American grilled cheese, but with an added homemade twist.

To find 50 Insanely Good Grilled Cheese recipes, visit www.goodhousekeeping.com.

Tewksbury residents named to Dean's List at Simmons

BOSTON — The following local residents have been named to the 2024 fall semester Dean's List at Simmons University in Boston.

- Madelyn Caliendo, Tewksbury
- Sarah Chawkat, Tewksbury
- Kaylee Gaffney, Tewksbury
- Michelle Hinkle, Tewksbury

To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or

more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

About Simmons University

Located in the heart of Boston, Simmons is a respected private university offering nearly 50 majors and programs for undergraduate women and graduate programs open to all on campus, in blended formats, or entirely online in nursing and health sciences, liberal arts, business, communications, social work, public health, and library and informa-

tion science.

Founded in 1899, Simmons has established a model of higher education that other colleges and universities are only recently beginning to adapt: the combination of education for leadership in high-demand and professional fields with the intellectual foundation of the liberal arts.

The result is a Simmons graduate prepared not only to work, but to lead in professional, civic, and personal life — a vision of empowerment that Simmons calls preparation

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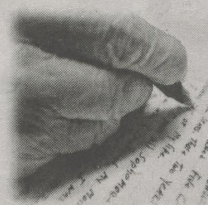
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Letter to the editor

~notice concerning local spring election~

The *Town Crier* will not accept any letters related to the upcoming Wilmington election the week of the election. All letters should be in by Tuesday, April 15 at 5 p.m. for the Wilmington election. Thank you.

Good Guy Committee seeks last minute nominations

To the editor,

This coming Friday, April 4 marks the last call for the 2025 Good Guy nominations. This will be your last opportunity to recognize and promote the person who should be this year's inductee.

There are lots of good people out there, doing the right thing, and nominations continue to come in for several deserving individuals. Help US to do the right thing by convincing us why your candidate should be recognized above all of the others. Tell us about their community service activities. Let us know how they have made a difference in the lives of others.

Nominations must be received no later than 5 p.m. this coming Friday, April 4. Email your last-minute nominations to wilmingtongoodguy@gmail.com or be prepared to wait until

next year. We hope that you will be able to celebrate your candidate's induction on Friday, May 9 at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus with a gala dinner, recognition and roast, hosted by Wilmington native, and former Good Guy Steve Bjork.

Voting will take place during the week of April 7 with notifications and tickets available immediately after. All whom have submitted nomination letters will be notified whether or not their candidate has been selected, and please remember that "it's supposed to be a surprise" for that individual.

Thank you for your continued support in recognizing the best individuals that Wilmington has to offer in serving their Community all year long.

Wilmington Good Guy Committee

Upcoming local events

April 5, Tewksbury Town Elections, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Check town website for voting location tewksbury-ma.gov or call the town clerk's office at 978-640-4355.

April 7-13, Public Health Week, Public Health Museum Virtual and In-Person Events all week. [Publichealthmuseum.org](http://publichealthmuseum.org).

April 8, Wine Tasting, Friends of the Library, One Stop Liquors, Oakdale Plaza, 5 - 7 p.m. \$15 advance, \$20 at the door. Tickets: friendstplibrary.org/about-5

April 9, Tewksbury Community Health Fair, 1 - 4 p.m., Tewksbury Senior Center. Give aways, health screenings, food trucks, fun!

April 21-25, April Vacation Camp at Tewksbury Rec. 2 day minimum, camp runs 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 978-454-7825 to register www.greaterlowellymca.org

April 26, Town Clean Up Day, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pick up bags at DPW, 999 Whipple Road, pick up trash around town and return. Community service hours. Even an hour helps! Clean.up.tewksbury@gmail.com.

April 27, Power of Flowers Murder Mystery Event, 1PM, Stevens Estate in

SOMERVILLE — Governor Maura Healey continued her Transforming Transportation Road Show at the MBTA Boston Engine Terminal, a commuter rail maintenance facility in Somerville, to promote her plan to stabilize the MBTA's finances. Joined by Transportation Secretary Monica Tibbitts-Nutt and MBTA General Manager Phil Eng, the group toured the maintenance and storage facility, met with commuter rail maintenance workers, and highlighted Governor Healey's proposed \$1.4 billion in investments toward the MBTA included in her historic transportation plan.

"The people of Massachusetts rely on our transportation system to get them to work, school, doctor's appointments, the grocery store, family and friends' homes safely and on time. Our transportation plan will make historic investments to upgrade our roads, bridges and public transportation all across the state — especially on the MBTA," said Governor Maura Healey. "General Manager Eng and his team have proven that, when given the resources they need, they will deliver safer, more reliable service for T riders. Their success removing slow zones through the Track Improvement Program last year is a great example of that. Now, it's on us to continue providing the funding they need to stabilize their finances for the long term and improve the system top to bottom. That's what our transportation plan will do."

"Investing in transportation means investing in people. Our transportation plan puts dollars into ensuring people across the state can get to where they need to go when they need to be there, and the investments in public transportation further our commitment to making the T safer and more reliable," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "We're grateful to GM Eng and his team for all the work they've done improving the MBTA, and we look forward to our continued partnership as we work to make our public transportation system even stronger."

"As we tackle the challenges of climate change and adapt to evolving travel patterns shaped by remote work and other factors, the Healey-Driscoll administration remains committed to making strategic investments that maintain and expand public transportation across the state," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbitts-Nutt. "The administration's proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget prioritizes improvements across all modes of travel — particularly setting the MBTA on a path for long-term, transformative infrastructure upgrades."

"The Healey-Driscoll Administration's commitment to transportation across Massachusetts is unprecedented, improving quality of life for all. This \$8 billion investment will allow us to continue rebuilding our workforce to deliver a best in class mass transportation system that the Commonwealth deserves," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phil Eng. "This historic increase to our

Gov. Healey promotes plan to stabilize MBTA finances

operating budget will provide us the stability we need as we continue to deliver improved service to meet the needs of today while we build for the future. I'm blessed and proud to be part of Team Massachusetts as we deliver a more reliable, efficient, and resilient system for years to come, benefiting the communities and visitors who depend on the T."

"Governor Healey's continued investment in the MBTA is a critical step toward a stronger, more sustainable future for our region. Here in Somerville, we see firsthand how transit investments improve daily life," said Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. "It connects residents to jobs, schools, and opportunities while reducing congestion and emissions. We're grateful for the state's leadership and proud to partner in building a transportation system that truly serves the people who rely on it every day."

"A successful 21st century MBTA is the linchpin for the regions vibrant and thriving economic future. The key to meeting our current and future challenges in housing, education, jobs, and quality of life is the investment we make toward that goal," said MBTA Board Chair Thomas McGee. "Governor Healey and her administration's strong support in bringing these dollars to the MBTA builds on the progress the agency has made under Phil Eng's leadership and toward our shared vision of a world class transportation system."

The governor's transportation plan proposes

an \$8 billion investment over the next 10 years to improve the state's roads, bridges and regional transportation system and immediately stabilize the finances of the MBTA. The plan includes a \$1.4 billion in investments at the MBTA for new commuter rail coaches, Red and Orange Line cars, station accessibility and resilience, track improvements and power system resiliency.

It also maximizes existing Fair Share Funds to more than double support for the MBTA's operating budget to \$687 million in FY26 and immediately address the agency's budget shortfall, putting the MBTA on a path of long-term stability. This increase comes after the Governor's doubled the operating budget to \$314 million in FY25. The plan also includes \$10 million for the MBTA Workforce Academy, \$400 million to address workforce and safety initiatives identified as necessary by the Federal Transit Authority, and \$25 million for Regional Transit Authority workforce recruitment and retention.

Last month, Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll kicked off the Transforming Transportation Road Show at the Brockton Area Transportation's Intermodal Transportation Centre to promote the ways in which the plan will support the state's 15 Regional Transit Authorities, and at the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 4 in Medway to highlight the ways the plan will create up to 140,000 jobs across the state.

North Andover. Pofproject.org for tickets. <https://rb.gy/ddi460>.

September 13, 2025 - Wilmington High School Class of 1975 50th reunion, live band, dancing, buffet dinner, cash bar. Pay by April 2 - July 1: \$90, July 2 through last minute walk-ins: \$95. Register and pay at: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/high-school-class-reunion-temp-65333/items?cart> Questions? Steve Brander skbrander@gmail.com Reunion Organizers: Steve Brander / Vin Scifo / Helen Ryba

Thursdays, Saturdays, and the first Sunday of the month, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for indoor and campus tours. Check website for times. Publichealthmuseum.org

Book Store Next Door, Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults \$3, seniors and youth age 3-12 \$2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Harneden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, Saturdays and Sundays, Noon - 4 p.m., 71 Faulkner St., North Billerica

Five students named to Dean's List at Holy Cross

WORCESTER — More than 1,700 students were named to the College of the Holy Cross' Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2024-25 academic year. The following local students made the list:

- Rhiannon Dymont of Wilmington, class of 2026
- Madison Guy of Wilmington, class of 2025
- Julia Kane of Wilmington, class of 2027
- Amanda Ogden of Tewksbury, class of 2027
- Erin Sands of Tewksbury, class of 2025

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

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'Tropical Republic' mystery reigns on April Book Stew

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We learn more about the boy and the violence that overcomes the island after his family is evacuated to New York City. Subsequent trips to Paris, where he studies with other foreign students in the aftermath of the global student rebellion times of the late '60s, and to Greece, still suffering the effects of a disastrous military takeover, reveal the impact of his traumatic childhood.

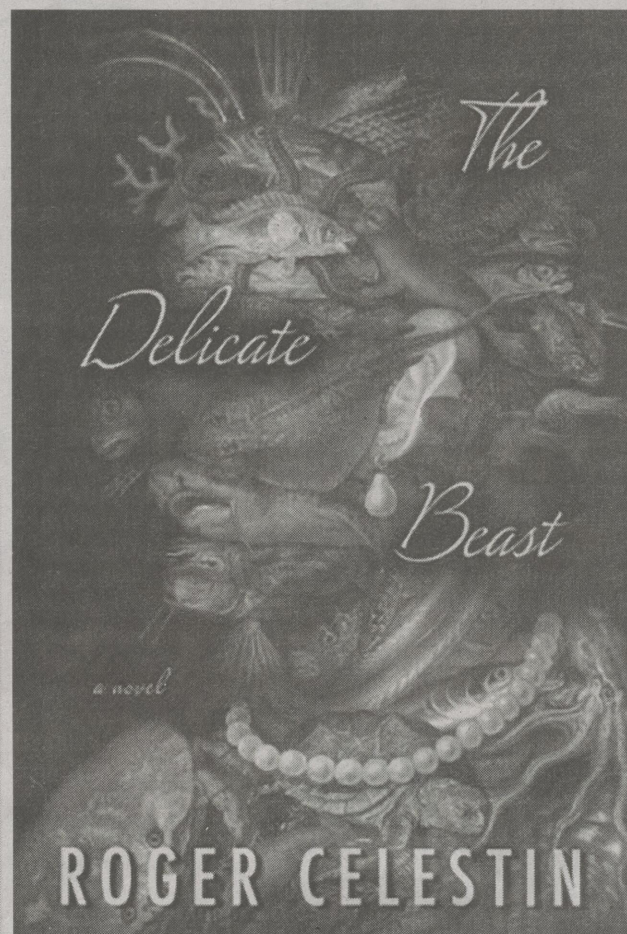
The book is a touching study in loss and alienation, and is similar in theme to the Nobel Prize winning book, "The Remains of the Day" by Kazuo Ishiguro, which was made into a memorable 1994 film.

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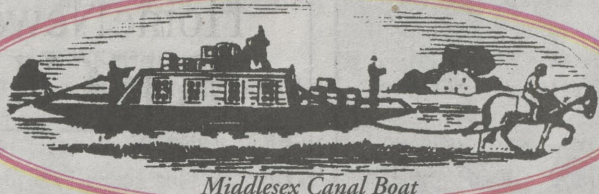
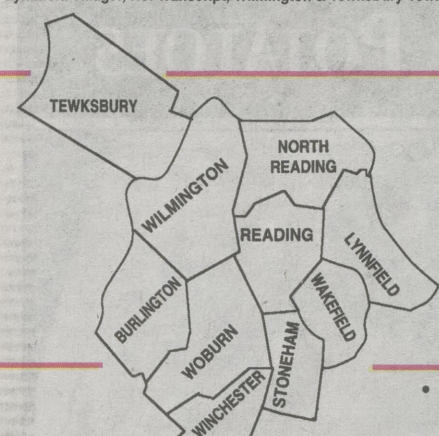
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Woburn starts planning for long-awaited New Boston Street bridge opening

By PATRICK BLAIS

After spending decades hoping and waiting for the funding for the project, local leaders in Woburn recently re-focused their gaze on what will happen after the first motorists begin crossing the New Boston Street bridge.

According to Woburn Mayor Michael Concannon and DPW Superintendent Jay Duran, with public utilities now being installed at the site of the \$28 million construction project in North Woburn by Anderson Regional Transportation Center (RTC), private contractor AA Will Corporation expects to reach substantial completion on the 1,850-foot long span by the spring of 2026.

With that end in mind, Concannon recently obtained permission from the City Council to accept a \$115,000 grant from MassDevelopment to prepare a long-term economic vision for an isolated pocket of industrial properties that sit on the other end of bridge by the Wilmington line.

If that new analysis confirms the findings of a previous 2017 planning study, the opening of the new bridge should spark massive investment into the North Woburn side of the New Boston Street corridor, which is presently home to some 370 businesses.

"We'll use this money to hire a technical consultant to assist us in conducting a New Boston Street opportunity analysis. It will be kind of a mini master plan for the northeast section of the community," the mayor explained during a City Council meeting in City Hall in February.

Back in 2004, recently retired City Engineer Jay Corey and other Woburn officials first began asking the state to rebuild the New Boston Street bridge, which was first erected back in the late 1880s over a set of railroad tracks that are now used by MBTA commuter rail and Amtrak service trains.

That original wooden structure, consisting of a single traffic lane, was severely damaged in a 1972 fire and was razed several years later. Though much of the land around the bridge was undeveloped at the time of the blaze, both sides of New Boston Street are now humming with economic activity.

In fact, according to traffic analyses dat-

ing back to 2017, at least 17,000 commuters are forced to wind their way through residential side streets in Wilmington to get to the North Woburn industrial park each day.

By re-establishing the bridge crossing, those motorists will find much easier connections to both I-93 by the Commerce Way ramps and to public transportation options at Anderson RTC. The connection is also expected to alleviate congestion by providing motorists with a more direct route to I-95 via the nearby I-93/95 interchange.

The new bridge will consist of a pair of 11-foot wide car lanes and 5-foot wide shoulders. It will also include 5.5-foot wide side-walks on either side of the structure that are separated by a safety guardrail. State officials will also reconstruct rundown and abandoned portions of New Boston Street, where various drainage channels and stormwater culverts will also be upgraded.

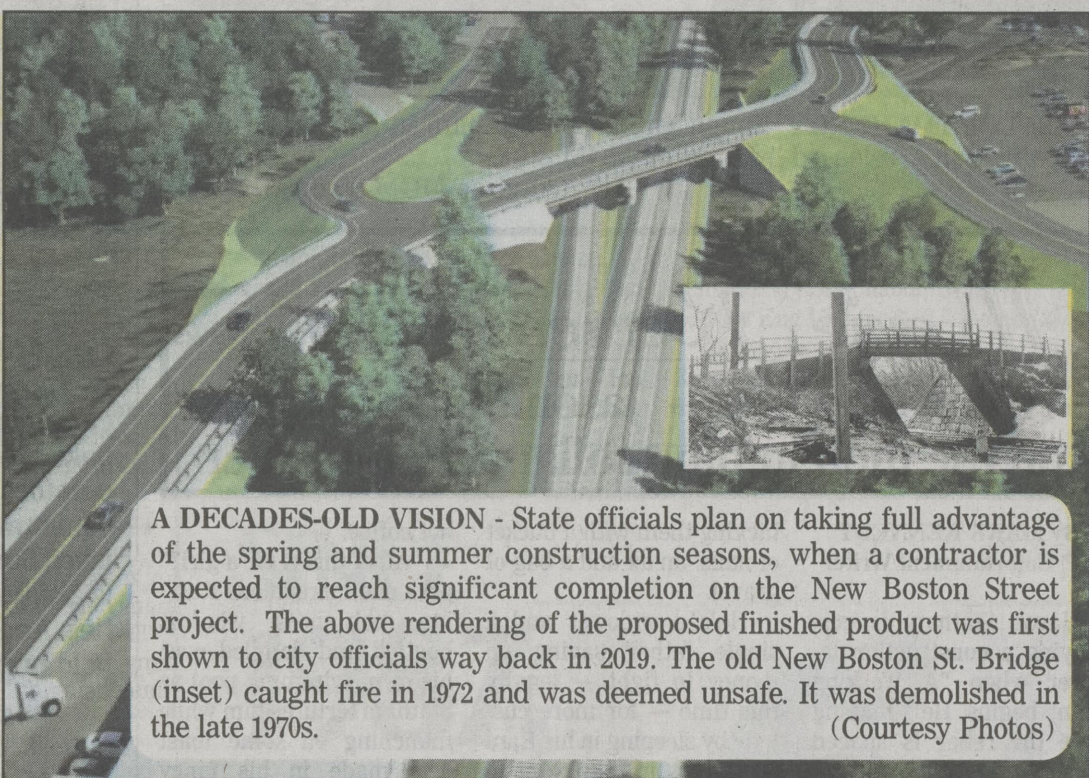
Just a few years before the bridge project was set to break ground, a number of forward thinking landowners jumped at the opportunity to redevelop a series of underutilized industrial properties by both the East Woburn and North Woburn entrances onto the bridge.

Specifically, Boston developer Cabot, Cabot and Forbes intends to erect a 250-unit apartment complex on a 12-acre parcel in North Woburn that was long used by paint and epoxy distributor, while on the opposite end of the bridge, Fairfield Residential is constructing a 445-unit housing complex. In addition, MBTA officials are reportedly interested in constructing another mixed-use apartment complex on the East Woburn side of the bridge on land adjacent to Anderson RTC.

According to a 2018 economic development study prepared by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), a regional public agency which tracks economic development trends and offers zoning and other technical advice to 101 communities around Boston, at least 5,000 people are currently employed by businesses situated on the North Woburn side of the train tracks.

Noting that the industrial park businesses are already healthy contributors to

• BRIDGE TO B3



A DECADES-OLD VISION - State officials plan on taking full advantage of the spring and summer construction seasons, when a contractor is expected to reach significant completion on the New Boston Street project. The above rendering of the proposed finished product was first shown to city officials way back in 2019. The old New Boston St. Bridge (inset) caught fire in 1972 and was deemed unsafe. It was demolished in the late 1970s. (Courtesy Photos)

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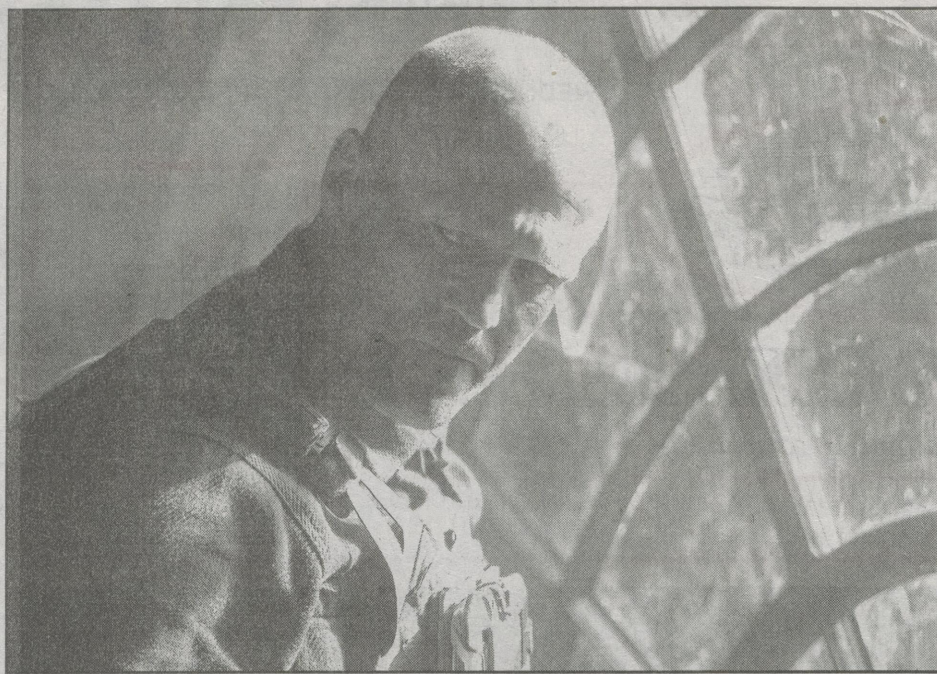
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BLUE COLLAR HERO - Tough guy Jason Statham in a scene from "A Working Man." released by Amazon MGM Studios.
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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

'A Working Man' - Jason Statham takes on the mob in blue-collar action thriller

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer

Jason Statham is cosplaying a construction laborer when "A Working Man" begins. He's making sure the rebar is spaced correctly and the concrete is correctly mixed. But we all know where his real strengths are: Beating up people, ferociously.

Soon enough — faster than this one-time springboard diving champion used to hit the water — Statham will be doing what he does best in an action movie made by millionaires that hopes to tap into blue-collar chic.

Statham plays a sort of hero-laying-low in director and co-writer David Ayer's latest collab — they previously teamed up on "The Beekeeper" — with the addition of a co-writer who knows a thing or two about lone-wolf underdogs — Sylvester Stallone.

When the 19-year-old daughter of his boss is snatched during a night out with girlfriends in Chicago, they turn to Statham, a former anti-terrorist commando for the UK's Royal Marines, which at least explains the British accent.

But he can't help them — he's given up that old life. "I'm a different person now," he says. It's not who I am anymore." Admittedly, he says this shortly after fighting off a gang messing with one of his workers, at-

tacking them with a bucket of nails, an ax and a bag of gravel.

He's a widower and a single father saving up money to fight — legally this time — for more custody by sleeping in his Ram truck. His in-laws want to limit his visitation, alleging he suffers from PTSD, a very cynical use by the movie-makers of a popcorn flick with a body count north of a hundred. "I hurt, too," he tells his daughter.

A visit to an old military buddy — David Harbour, superb — helps change his mind. "God help them," says Harbour's character after the decision is made. He knows what's in store for anyone getting in the way of Statham's oddly named Levon Cade (scramble the letters and you get "Novel Aced," go figure).

So begins Statham's version of "Taken" mixed with a blue-collar version of "John Wick." Our construction worker-turned-vigilante is reassuring to the family of the missing teen. "I'm gonna bring her home. I promise," he vows.

We soon plunge into an underworld of Russian mobsters, designer drugs, human trafficking, corrupt cops and a vicious biker gang run by a guy who sits on a throne of motorcycle parts. People are waterboarded, shot, stabbed, smashed with animal skulls, blown up by grenades and burned with

hot coffee.

"All of this is for a girl?" asks one incredulous Russian mob boss, who is hogtied and dangled over his own swimming pool as Statham tortures him while munching on some toast he's made in his fancy kitchen.

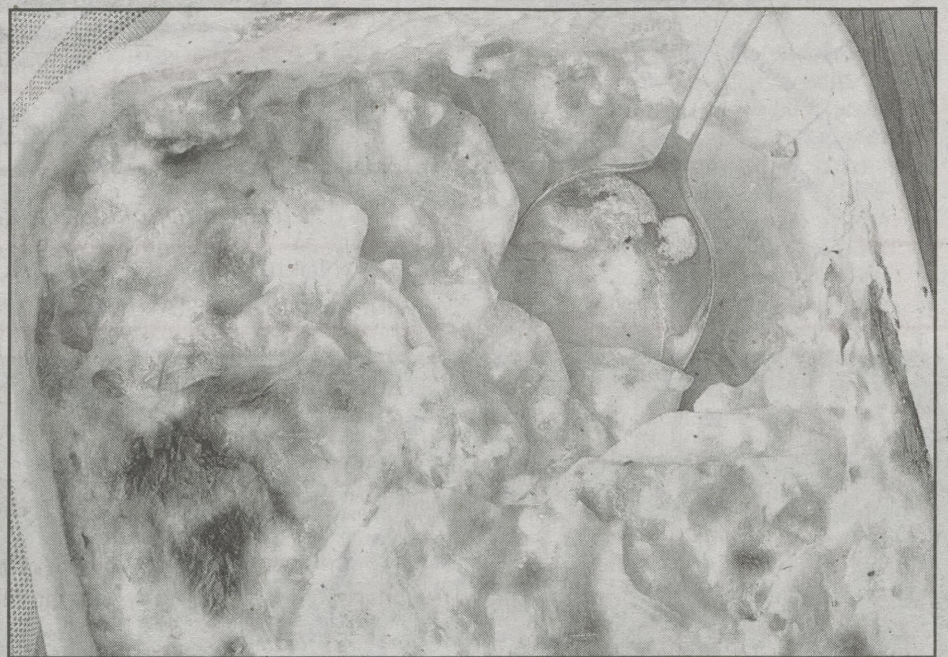
Shall we talk about the rich now? The upper-level mobsters wear cravats, bow ties and hold gold-tipped walking sticks. One even wears a cape and uses a cigarette holder, like a sort of Mister Burns from "The Simpsons." The drug dealers wear buffoonish designer duds, "do business" in restaurant banquets and all have attache cases with stacks of banded money, like it's still the '80s. They are all venal, foppish and perverted. The big finale takes place in a tucked-away farm casino with fancy-dressed fat cats.

This is in contrast to Statham, an orange safety vest kind of guy with a soldier's moral compass. He at one point throws into the air enough \$100 bills to buy a Lamborghini. But he's not doing it the money, even though he needs it. He's there for the girl.

"A Working Man" fetishizes its blue-collar ethic at a time when extremely wealthy Americans have taken key roles in the second Donald Trump administration and the world's richest man, Elon Musk, is slicing at govern-

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SCALLOPED POTATOES



COMFORT FOOD - Imagine a comforting casserole of thinly sliced potatoes in a luscious, creamy sauce, with a hint of onion baked to golden perfection. This is scalloped potatoes, a dish with a rich history. A cozy companion for holiday gatherings or a cherished Sunday supper, this scalloped potato dish is always a welcome guest at potlucks and parties. And the best part? The delicious leftovers hold promises of another delightful meal.

STEPS

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Grease 2-quart casserole with shortening or cooking spray.

2. In 2-quart saucepan, melt 3 tablespoons of the butter over medium heat. Cook onion in butter about 2 minutes, stirring occasionally, until tender.

3. Stir in flour, salt, and pepper with a whisk. Cook, stirring constantly, until smooth and bubbly; remove from heat.

4. Stir in milk with a whisk. Heat to boiling over medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute. Remove from heat; cover and let stand while prepping

the potatoes.

5. Wash the potatoes, and with a vegetable peeler, remove the skins, if desired. Rinse under cool water. Cut the potatoes into thin slices.

6. Spread potatoes in casserole. Pour sauce evenly over potatoes. Cut remaining 1 tablespoon butter into small pieces; sprinkle over the potatoes and sauce.

7. Cover with foil; bake 30 minutes. Uncover; bake 1 hour to 1 hour 10 minutes longer or until potatoes are tender when pierced with a fork. Let stand 5 to 10 minutes before serving (sauce thickens as it stands).

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large 4 tablespoons salted butter, divided
- 1 small onion, finely chopped (1/3 cup)
- 3 tablespoons Gold Medal™ All Purpose Flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 1/2 cups 2% milk
- 2 lb medium potatoes (about 6 medium)

EXPERT TIPS

• It's important to grease your casserole dish with either shortening or spray it with cooking spray before assembling the casserole. If it's not greased, the sauce will bake onto the sides, making it difficult to serve and clean the dish.

• Both the added salt and the salted butter contribute a lot to the flavor of this dish. Salt brings forward both the creamy and buttery flavors of the casserole. Without it or adding to little will leave it tasting bland.

ment jobs (Veterans are increasingly facing the burden.) Trump himself donned an orange vest when he cosplayed a garbage man on the campaign trail. Everyone loves the working class these days.

Anyway, we're not here for a lesson, we're here for some ultra-violence. "A Working Man" does it well, especially a struggle in the confined space of a moving

van. The plot gets a little stretched over two hours — including a ludicrous motorcycle chase scene when enough bullets are fired at Statham as were expended in the Battle of Fallujah — but a bright moment is having the snatched teen (a very good Arianna Rivas, someone to watch) step into her own power.

"A Working Man" is exactly what you expect when you unleash Statham on a

noble mission. "You killed your way into this," he's told by his buddy. "You're gonna have to kill your way out of it." In other words, let Statham work, man.

"A Working Man," an Amazon MGM Studios release in theaters this Friday, is rated R for "strong violence, language throughout and drug content." Running time: 116 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

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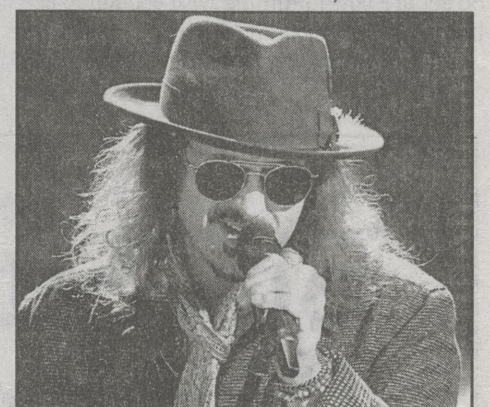
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Kevin J. Graham of The Voice at the historic Regent Theatre to benefit local area veterans

Rockin' 4 Vets brings its Rock n' Roll Circus to the Regent Theatre on Friday April 4th at 8:00 PM, for a Veterans benefit event to support Hidden Battles, the local chapter of Rolling Thunder, Inc. Waltham native Kevin James Graham is invited and ready to take his talent to the next level after singing his heart out as a contestant on NBC's, "The Voice" last Fall. He joins Blues Legend James Montgomery, Grammy Nominee Jon Butcher, J. Geils Band's Danny Klein and others to benefit local veterans in Greater Boston area.

The 33-year-old Waltham High School graduate grew up in Warrendale Park, riding bikes around Lowell Field, and still lives in Waltham. Coming from a musical family, and was surrounded by guitars and classic country such as Hank Williams and Merle Haggard. "Old soulful songs always come natural to me," he said. He studied under Jeff Wyman at Lexington Music on Moody, learning how to play rock guitar, as well as old-school blues while Aerosmith rehearsed at the Wherehouse in Waltham. Kevin has some of Steven Tyler's raw power as a vocalist.

In November 2023, Kevin saw a Facebook post about The Voice auditions while picking up food in Central Square in Cambridge. He pulled his car over on a whim and sang "Looking for You" into his phone and the performance earned him a blind audition for the 27th season of the Prime-time Show! His appearance is the stuff that legends are made of as he was chosen by



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• BRIDGE FROM BI

Woburn's robust commercial tax-base, the MAPC suggested the area is ripe for reinvestment should the proper pedestrian and public transportation amenities be incorporated into the long-term vision for the zone.

"The city should continue to explore the feasibility of additional transportation options to access this important employment center via a pedestrian sky bridge and possible alternative transportation models such as private shuttles...or rerouted MBTA buses," the MAPC study team recommended.

The planning consultants also advised the city to consider relaxing some zoning requirements, particularly those regarding parking, in order to encourage redevelopment.

According to the planners, though most buildings within the area are single story warehouses and manufacturing buildings, major high-tech and bioscience corporations, struggling to find room to expand within

urban areas like Cambridge and Boston, may likely consider Woburn as an attractive alternative to those traditional development hubs.

In order to encourage those relocations, the report contends, Woburn may benefit from reducing existing parking requirements to allow for expansion, including the construction or larger multi-story buildings.

"[T]here may be businesses (particularly in the tech and bio tech fields) who may have begun operations in the Boston/Cambridge market and expanded their operations to the point where space became a constraint and they moved to the area seeking larger square footage real estate," the report concluded. "As the market for industrial real-estate continues to tighten in the inner-core of Boston, Woburn is well positioned to absorb businesses needing to relocate."

"There are currently no vacant, developable parcels in the New Boston Street in-

dustrial park, and as such any new construction would need to either be vertical or expand into existing parking areas," the study authors continued. "Many of the current users in the area are single story dependent and therefore may be unable to benefit from additional building height, but could possibly use additional horizontal space."

City officials want to revisit the 2018 reports conclusions in light of major development shifts that have occurred in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Most notably, the city's chief assessor has repeatedly warned that the pre-pandemic construction boom that resulted in a number of new biotech or lifescience parks being erected across the North Shore has cooled considerably. In addition, the post-COVID transition to remote or work-from-home settings is also expected to lead to a dramatically reduced demand for space in office parks.

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Tewksbury Police Log

Two men from Lawrence arrested for drug distribution

Monday, March 24

4:51 a.m. - Caller was concerned that the trucks delivering food at Mexica Burrito Grill were violating a noise ordinance. They were instructed if she had specific complaints that she should speak with an officer. Police sent. They were doing a delivery and the vehicle was not idling. She may have heard them initially unloading the truck.

6:29 a.m. - A 911 caller reported there was a driver that was plugging their vehicle into the caller's electricity at East Street Farm. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

10:05 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a female party driving a Ford explorer pushed a female party to the ground and took off toward Wilmington at Smoke Shop. Female party was a black female with black hair, and possibly wearing a gray hoodie. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

5:19 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a male causing a disturbance at Tewksbury Public Library. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Tuesday, March 25

10:05 a.m. - Police out

with a male party at Smoke Shop. Jose Gonzales, 46, of 40 Redgate Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with eight counts of identity fraud and eight counts of larceny under \$1,200.

4:13 p.m. - Caller reported a found black lab in her yard at Temple Street, no collar or tags. Animal Control notified. They would make contact with the caller.

4:28 p.m. - Caller reported a silver Hyundai sedan was driving erratically on Pleasant Street toward the high school, stopping every few cars to yell and swear at other motorist. Police sent. They checked the area and the parking lot of the high school, unable to locate.

8:45 p.m. - Caller reported she believed someone may have been in her room while she was out because when she came back the door was dead bolted at Motel 6. Police sent. They reviewed the camera footage and it appeared to have been an oversight as no one went in or out of the room while she was gone.

Wednesday, March 26

12:44 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a client was re-

fusing to pay for his taxes and was having alcohol inside and refused to leave at Main Street. Police sent. It was a misunderstanding over a civil issue and nobody was consuming alcohol.

1:22 p.m. - Caller reported large black or blue SUV occupied by a male in his 30's with a beard and a female with dark hair wearing a black puffy jacket, approaching vehicles and aggressively attempting to sell them \$3,000 worth of stereo equipment for \$500 at Walmart. Police sent. They checked the parking lot and surrounding businesses. Vehicle was gone on arrival.

4:58 p.m. - Black male wore "grubby clothes" and carried a vacuum and asked if he could vacuum the caller's house at Newton Avenue. Caller found it suspicious and would like to speak with an officer. Police sent. Unable to locate to solicitor. All units cleared.

6:07 p.m. - Call for an erratic driver heading toward Lowell on Route 38. Caller reported the car was swerving all over the road and had five teenagers in it. Caller disconnect while dispatching the

unit. Police sent. The vehicle was in the Mexica parking lot. The police checked the area, but the vehicle was gone on arrival.

7:27 p.m. - Police off with a vehicle in front of Longhorn Steak House. Jose Colon, 21, of 101 Boxford St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with distribute class B drugs. Josue Guzman, 23, of 112 Bernard Ave. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with distribute class B drugs.

Thursday, March 27

4:49 p.m. - A motor vehicle accident at Whipple Road and Pine Street with minor damage. Police and ambulance sent. Anthony Cote, 25, of 37 Birch St. in Leominster, was arrested and charged with OUI drugs, possess class B drugs, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and market lanes violation.

7:08 p.m. - A 911 caller stated a male party attacked at Market Basket North and stated male party threatened him. Male party was gone. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

7:38 p.m. - A 911 call from front desk of Motel 6 stated female party in lobby stating she's scared for her life and somebody was after her, possibly her boyfriend. Police sent. Officer filed a report. Female transported to another hotel.

9:30 p.m. - A 911 caller stated a male party came out of the bushes and threw a bottle at her car at

Burger King. Male party was a white male, blue jacket, white pants, beanie, and had a crowbar. Caller was in a silver Honda at Motel 6. Caller attempted to chase the male and was uncooperative when told to stay in vehicle. Police sent. Male was gone on arrival. Officer filed a report.

Friday, March 28

12:41 p.m. - Worker at The Dental Group reported a black male party in a white Honda possibly had been parked in the back of their store for a few days. Police reported gone on arrival and attempted to speak with the caller. They did not answer the phone.

8:41 p.m. - A 911 caller reported he was assaulted by his neighbor at Main Street. Caller reported he accidentally fell into his knife while fighting with the neighbor. Police sent and officer filed a report.

Saturday, March 29

2:52 a.m. - A domestic between a male and a female occurred in front of Paulie's Place in the parking lot in a white SUV. The caller did not believe anything had been physical, heard the involved female yelling "get out." Police sent. All parties spoke to including the caller. No domestic argument. Parties argued with Uber eats driver over spilled soda. Officer filed a report.

11:35 a.m. - Caller stated there was a cardboard box under her car this morning when she left at Bal-

sam Place. She believed it was suspicious and would like to someone to look at it. Caller was no longer there. Police sent. Officer went through the box. It was an empty cardboard box.

12:30 p.m. - Caller reported a male and a female smoked marijuana in front of the store at Marshall's. Male was wearing a blue and red jacket, and the female was wearing a blue hoodie. Police sent. Officer checked the area. Parties were gone on arrival.

Sunday, March 30

2:21 a.m. - A 911 caller reported there were approximately four guests believing to be intoxicated chasing her due to the computer system being down at Hilton Garden Inn. Caller reported she was currently in the break room and she reported giving the guests her master key. Caller reported she was an employee. Police sent. They transported the female to Lowell. Officer filed a report.

1:42 p.m. - Caller stated she was leaving with a Uhaul and left the keys in it at Extended Stay America. She stated male party asked to use the Uhaul. She said no, and he left in it anyway. Police sent. Michael Fonseca, 39, of 485 Westford St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with possession class A drugs, and ammunition without fid card.



Wilmington Police Log

Police provide medical assistance following crash

Friday, March 21:

7:03 a.m.: A red 2020 M2106 and a white 2022 Volvo Truck Tractor were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Woburn Street, striking mirrors.

9:44 a.m.: Nerva Robert of 1 Windemere Terrace, Apt. #1, in Lynn, was issued a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating an unregistered motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his gray 2011 Acura MDX on Main Street.

Saturday, March 22:

4:15 a.m.: Cierlin Leneus of 17 Myrtle St., in Everett, was arrested for OUI-Liquor over .08% and failure to stop/yield. This followed a stop of his black 2010 Cadillac SRX on Allgrove Lane.

6:55 p.m.: A caller on Wildwood Street reported hearing screaming coming from nearby, but didn't see who it was. Police talked to a group of kids playing basketball near the Wildwood School, who stated they had noticed a second group of kids who had been at the school who were shouting obscenities.

10:26 p.m.: A caller at the CVS on Main Street reported a group of kids shoplifted and left the store, getting into a Honda SUV and heading southbound on Main Street. Police were unable to find them, but spoke to an employee and got descriptions of them, with one wearing a maroon hoodie and a dark hat, one wearing a black hoodie and jeans, and the last wearing a gray sweatshirt and gray sweatpants.

Sunday, March 23:

1:41 a.m.: A white 2008 Cadillac DTS drove into the embankment at the Exit 31 on-ramp on the I-93 SB highway. Wilmington police helped provide medical assistance until state police took over the situation.

10:20 a.m.: A caller at the Dollar General on Main Street reported a man taking a sweatshirt and running out of the store with a small child. However, when police spoke to the man, he stated he was racing out of the store with his son, and that he bought the sweatshirt from a different store.

7:33 p.m.: A black 2024 Volkswagen Atlas and a gray 2021 Toyota Highlander were involved in a motor vehicle accident on the Rt. 62 highway. No injuries were reported, no airbags were deployed, and police assisted with paperwork exchange.

Monday, March 24:

3:01 p.m.: Dhamari A Jordan of 123 Methuen St., in Lowell, was issued a summons. This followed a caller on Dewey Avenue reporting her ex-boyfriend broke into her house, breaking the basement window. The ex-boyfriend had been living at the address until two days

beforehand, and was there to try to retrieve his belongings. His ex-girlfriend and the homeowner have not decided yet whether to file charges.

6:31 p.m.: A gray 2024 Lexus NX and a black 2012 Lexus CT200H were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street. Airbags were deployed in one vehicle, but no one was injured.

8:54 p.m.: A caller at the Red Heat Tavern on Lowell Street reported that her sister was touched inappropriately by a man in the restaurant, and when asked to stop began yelling at them. However, when police arrived, it was found that no one was assaulted, but the argument was a disagreement over language used.

Tuesday, March 25:

9:03 a.m.: An employee at Mailing and More on Main Street reported that a man

came into the store looking for a delivered package. However, the man stayed around in the parking lot, even after explaining to him that the store doesn't offer such a service, making the employees uncomfortable. Police sent the man on his way.

11:45 a.m.: A caller on Horseshoe Lane reported a package was taken from their house.

4:00 p.m.: A black 2007 GMC Yukon XL and a white 2018 Subaru Crosstrek were involved in a motor vehicle accident on the Rt. 62 highway. No injuries were reported, and no airbags were deployed.

Wednesday, March 26:

3:15 a.m.: Notified the water department of foul-smelling water about a foot deep on Industrial Way.

11:52 a.m.: A white 2024 Mitsubishi Outlander and a white 2021 BMW X3 were

involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street. No injuries were reported, no airbags were deployed, and insurance paperwork was exchanged.

Thursday, March 27:

9:06 a.m.: A red 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee and a blue 2017 Chevy Camaro were involved in a motor vehicle accident on the Rt. 62 highway. No injuries were reported, no airbags were deployed, and state police handled the situation.

3:10 p.m.: A woman on Broad Street reported possibly being the victim of credit card fraud. No money had been taken, and she had already spoken to the credit card company.

5:05 p.m.: A caller on Taft Road reported two trash barrels and a recycling bin had been stolen.

Lieutenant Fiore retires from the Wilmington PD

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Police Department extends its heartfelt congratulations to Lieutenant Charles Fiore on his retirement from the department. Lt. Fiore officially retired on March 27, 2025, after nearly 39 years of dedicated service to the Town of Wilmington.

Lt. Fiore began his distinguished career with the Wilmington Police Department on Aug. 15, 1986. Throughout his tenure, he served in multiple roles, including patrol officer, sergeant, and lieutenant. His final assignment was as detective lieutenant in charge of the criminal bureau, where he played a crucial role in overseeing major investigations and ensuring the safety of the Wilmington community.

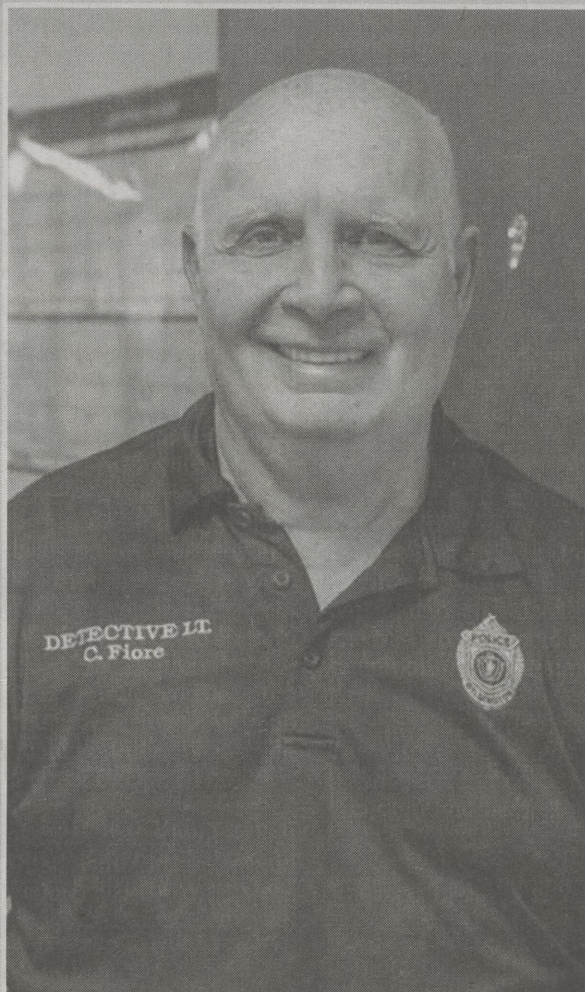
Beyond his service to the police department, Lt. Fiore has been a dedicated public servant in many other capacities. He is a past member of

the Wilmington Housing Authority and has also served on the Wilmington Select Board. He continues to contribute to the community as a current member of the Shawsheen Tech School Committee.

"Lieutenant Fiore has been an integral part of this department and a true public servant to the Town of Wilmington," said Chief Joseph Desmond. "His leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to justice have left a lasting impact on both the department and the community. We thank him for his years of service and wish him all the best in retirement."

All members of the Wilmington Police Department extend their best wishes to Lt. Fiore for a long, happy, and fulfilling retirement.

"We thank him for his decades of service and dedication to making Wilmington a better place."



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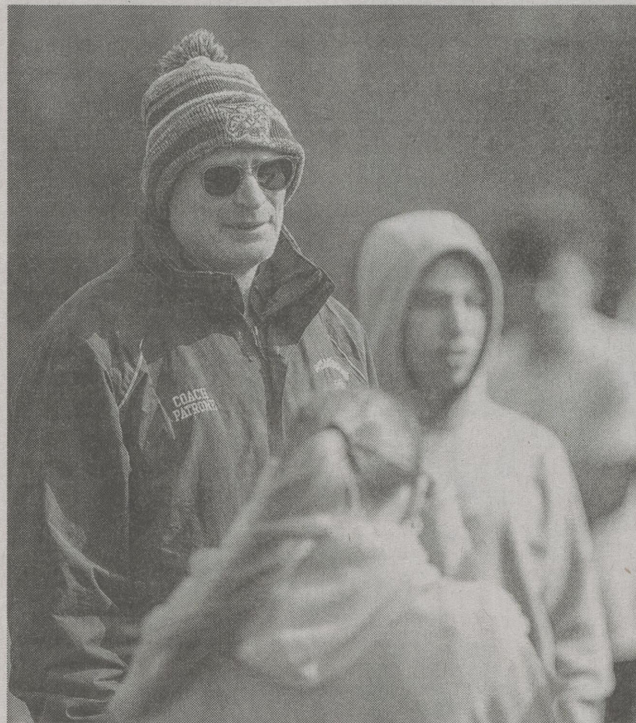
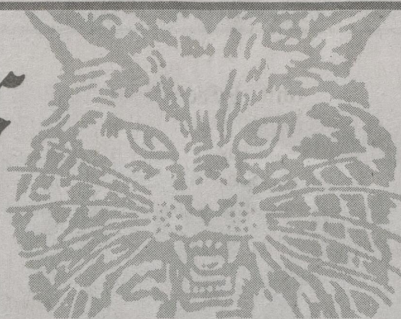


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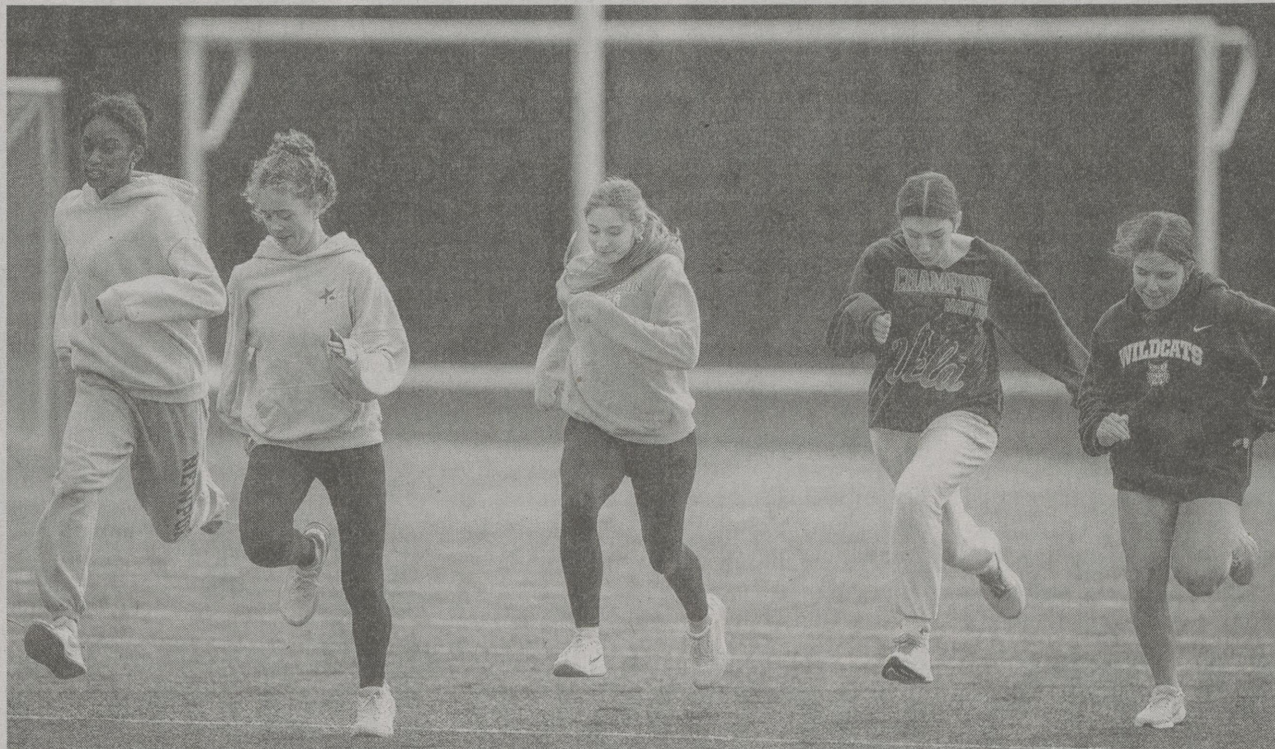
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▲ Wilmington High School girls track coach Joe Patrone talks with his team during Friday's practice at Wilmington High School. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



▲ The Wilmington High School girls track team warmup on the turf during Friday's practice in preparation of their upcoming season. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

WHS track teams ready to go

By DOUG HASTINGS
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The Wilmington High track and field squads are

ready for another outdoor season.

The boys are coming off a 2-3 campaign from a year ago, but have plenty of talent returning includ-

ing senior Ashvin Baker, who won the Div. 4 400-meter title.

Baker is a captain this spring along with seniors Cam Jenks and Dean

Ciampa.

Other seniors on the squad include Marvin Jean, Martin Philiosaint, Ben O'Brien, Spencer Bagtaz and Ethan Schoenholtz.

Several new competitors will also help the Wildcats including sophomore Ayden Bellevy, junior Joe Cavanaugh, sophomore Mark Holleran, junior Cameron Pereira, junior Jon Panatta and sophomore Vincenzo Mondì.

"We have had an extremely positive start to the season," said WHS coach Michael Kinney. "We have a large team with 75 athletes, and a great group of senior leaders, captains, and assistant coaches. Our primary focus is on individual athletic growth, but we should be very competitive as a team within our league and our division."

GIRLS COULD CONTENT

Led by four captains, the Wilmington High girls

track and field team should once again be in the mix as one of the top teams in the Middlesex League's Freedom Division.

The team leaders include senior Tessa Cappione, senior Rebecca Hughes, senior Maddie Krueger and junior Maeve White.

Also coming back to spark WHS are sophomore Isabel Carriere, junior Bella Cooper, sophomore Abby Engvaldsen, junior Sam Glaser, junior Abby Howie, junior Cayley Israelson, sophomore Charlotte Kiley, junior Lily King, junior Lexi LeBlanc, junior Lily McLaughlin, sophomore Olivia Niceforo, junior Giselle Olatilu, junior Kaitlyn Shackelford, sophomore Emma Tarin, sophomore Angelina Vo, sophomore Celina Vo, sophomore Kayleigh Walker and junior Bella Zaya.

Several new faces will also help the Wildcats in-

cluding freshman Julia Heller, freshman Avery King, sophomore Katelyn LaPointe, freshman Kaylin Mulik and freshman Tess Sullivan.

"The season looks promising as we have 52 girls out for the team," WHS coach Joe Patrone said. "We are a young team as we only have three seniors and many new faces. We are coming off a successful winter season where we finished second in the Middlesex League/Freedom Division. A few of our top athletes are Lexi LeBlanc in the sprints, Isabel Carriere in the long sprints, Abby Engvaldsen in the hurdles and high jump, Abby Howie in the throws, Charlotte Kiley in the distance events, Maddie Krueger in the throws, Giselle Olatilu in the hurdles and high jump, Kayleigh Walker in the sprints and Maeve White in the 400 hurdles."



▲ Wilmington High boys track captains include (from left) Dean Ciampa, Ashvin Baker, and Cam Jenks. (Courtesy photo)



The Wilmington High girls tennis team made the Div. 3 final four last season. (Courtesy photo)

Tennis Roundup:

Girls anxious to make another run

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The Wilmington High tennis teams have certainly been in the mix for Middlesex League titles in recent years.

This spring will likely be more of the same.

The WHS girls are coming off a season that saw them finish 11-5-1 and reach the Div. 3 state semifinals.

Team captains this season include senior Shubhangi Tripathi, junior Jaslene Ryou and sophomore Savannah Beatrice.

Beatrice was an all-conference standout at No. 1 singles last year and was the Freedom Division's MVP.

Also returning to the team will be senior Veronika Loshak, junior Cara DiGiovanni and sophomore Alison D'Arco.

Freshmen Sahana Puvanendrakumar and Jillian Weinstein are also hoping to make an impact.

"We're really looking forward to this season," said WHS coach Christina Woods. "Last year was a major success — we earned the top spot in the power rankings and made it to the final four. With a strong core of returning players and some exciting new talent

joining us, I'm optimistic about what we can achieve this year. Our goal is always to improve and build on our past success,

and I'm eager to see what the newcomers will bring to the team. I believe it's going to be another successful season."

Woods is excited to see Beatrice keep improving.

"As a sophomore, Savannah's impressive achievements from last season speak volumes about her potential," the coach said. "Savannah is a leader on this team and someone the girls look up to. Her combination of athleticism, skill, and mental toughness positions her to be a dominant player in the years to come."

Woods is equally impressed with the other team captains.

"Shubhangi and Jaslene are two more key leaders

on this team, both earning All-Stars last year," said Woods. "They played a pivotal role in the state tournament, helping guide us to the Final Four. Shubhangi's experience, determination, and ability to perform under pressure set her apart as an outstanding tennis player. Jaslene, a natural at tennis, has an instinctive understanding of the game, effortlessly reading the court and making her a tough opponent for anyone. With their continued dedication and skill, both of these girls will continue to have an even greater impact on this team."

Woods is pleased with the progress of D'Arco, another standout 10th grad-

er.

"Alison D'Arco, a standout sophomore, plays a key role on this team and was named an All-Star last season," said Woods. "Alison approaches every match with a mindset focused on winning and constantly improving. I know she will have a major impact on this team this season."

Woods said her team's depth will be key to its success.

"I also have returning players Cara DiGiovanni and Veronika Loshak, who are ready to play key roles in doubles this season," added Woods. "Both have dedicated themselves over the past few years, working hard to reach their current level of play."

Wilmington has a stiff test right off the bat when it hosts Winchester on Wednesday.

Next Monday, the Wildcats visit Arlington.

BOYS START THIS WEEK

The Wilmington High boys tennis team started its season at Winchester on Wednesday against the Red and Black.

Next week, the Wildcats have three matches.

On Monday, WHS hosts Arlington before visiting Lexington on Wednesday. On Thursday, Wilmington begins Freedom Division play with a home match against Stoneham.

Wilmington High baseball & softball roundup:

Baseball and softball teams ready to make a run

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The Wilmington High baseball team came a win away from reaching the state tournament last season and with a returning group of veterans, the playoffs are within reach this spring for the Wildcats.

Senior captains Ayden Balter and Connor Lovell will lead WHS this season. Balter is a pitcher and a first baseman while Lovell, who was injured dur-

ing football season and missed just about the entire basketball campaign, is back and ready to go as an outfielder for WHS.

Also back for the 'Cats are senior Brennan Walsh, senior Andrew Almeda, senior Kyle Gabaree, senior Joe Gronemeyer, junior Ryan Gray, junior Will Poyant, junior Roman Synnott, junior Noah Titterington and sophomore Theo Bryson.

Newcomers to the varsity include junior John Roofe, junior Matt Driscoll, junior Sean O'Brien,

junior JR Haggerty, junior Emrick O'Brien and sophomore Julien Martins.

"This year's club has the potential to make some noise in the Freedom Division," said WHS coach Matt McManus. "We have arguably the top battery in the league in Ayden Balter and Theo Bryson. I expect big seasons from both of them. As always, I think it comes down to pitching and defense. We have several guys that can pitch, but are untested at the varsity level. They need

to get ahead, control the strike zone and eliminate high pitch-count innings."

McManus is also happy about this team's offense and its speed.

"We have more speed than in past years, so we'll try to take advantage of that when we can," he said. "We'll also have some new faces in the infield and our outfield is anchored by Connor Lovell, who is one of the best all-around athletes I've had in my three years. Half of our team had a very successful basketball season this past winter and I'm hoping that the culture of winning, family and pride

rolls right into the spring. Lots of players will get opportunities to perform early on and we're going to have some fun while we're doing it."

After facing Winchester on Wednesday, WHS is back on the field Monday at home against Arlington at 4:15 p.m.

SOFTBALL

The Wilmington High softball team is ready to defend its Middlesex League Freedom Division championship.

Led by senior captains Eva Boudreau and Kiersten Moore, WHS should be one of the stronger teams in the league again this season.

Boudreau will play first and third for WHS and Moore is slated to play the outfield.

Unfortunately, junior

Erin McCarthy was injured during basketball season, but Wilmington's depth will help fill the void left by the standout infielder.

Junior Ali McElligott, Charlotte Forcina, Summer Sands and Sofia Tintindo all saw plenty of varsity time last year.

Sophomores Isabelle Maiella, Ava Drozdowski and Olivia Raposa also return for the Wildcats.

WHS will also be bolstered by freshmen Sara Keck, Evelyn LaClair, Olivia Long, Grace LaMonica, Nolan Dubuque and Juliana Scalfani.

Keck and Maiella will both pitch for Wilmington. Raposa returns as the team's catcher.

WHS hosted Winchester on Wednesday and visits Arlington on Monday afternoon.

WHS lacrosse teams underway, girls win thriller

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The Wilmington High lacrosse teams have started their seasons and the opening week didn't lack for excitement.

The WHS girls beat Tewksbury by a 10-9 score

to kick off the spring season.

The Wildcats returned to the field Tuesday against Winchester and then visit Arlington on Thursday and Shawsheen, Tech on Friday.

The WHS boys lost to Pentucket Regional on Saturday to start the season by

an 11-4 score.

The 'Cats will try to rebound this week.

Wilmington played Winchester on Tuesday before hosting Arlington on Thursday at 5 p.m. and then visiting Brookline on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.



▲ Wilmington's Rodriguez Poala, left, and Tewksbury's Paige Crowley battle for the ball during Friday's girls lacrosse game at Doucette Field. Tewksbury fell to visiting Wilmington 10-9. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



▲ Wilmington's Leah Murphy, center, shoots and scores as she is pressured by multiple Tewksbury defenders during Friday's girls lacrosse game at Doucette Field. Wilmington netted 10-9 victory over host Tewksbury. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



▲ Wilmington's Hailey Spencer, second from left, and Tewksbury's Emily Picher battle for the ball during Friday's girls lacrosse game at Doucette Field. Tewksbury fell to visiting Wilmington 10-9. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Ram girls lacrosse earns victory No. 1

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The spring sports season is underway at Shawsheen Tech.

The Ram girls lacrosse team has already played two games, losing to North Reading in its season opener by a 7-4 score on March 28 before topping Greater Lowell on Monday, 7-5.

Fiona Rexford had three goals and one assist to spark Shawsheen's offense while Jude Sloman had two goals and two assists. Cera Salter added one goal and one assist.

Rexford, Sloman and Izzy Ferguson are the senior captains for the Rams, who were 15-7 a year ago.

Salter, Val Mosquera and goalie Mia Vacha are also back with Shawsheen.

Freshmen Meaghan Warford and Brooke Newhouse have been exciting newcomers for the Rams.

The boys lacrosse team opened the season with an exciting 6-4 victory over Milton.

The Rams hosted Greater Lowell on Tuesday and



A Shawsheen Tech pitcher is in the windup as she gets set to deliver a pitch during Thursday's scrimmage against Arlington.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

return to action on Thursday at Wayland starting at 4:15 p.m. On Friday, Shawsheen will play at Lowell Catholic starting at 4 p.m.

TENNIS

The Shawsheen Tech co-ed tennis team is looking forward to another run at

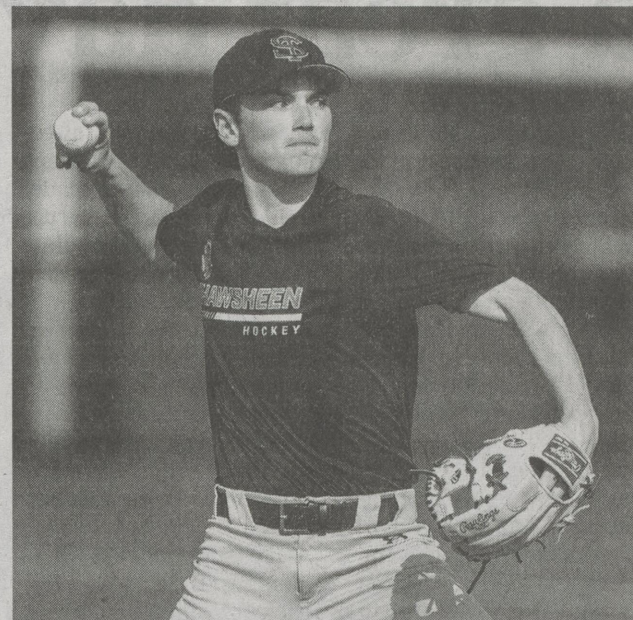
a Commonwealth Athletic Conference championship.

Led by captains Alex Quick, Dan O'Mahoney, Trevor Engel and Faith Martin, the Rams have plenty of experience back on the courts.

Other returning letterwinners include Josh Pow-

derly, Ella Haynes and Parker Jones while newcomers include Matt Kilfolye, Teddy Bucynski and Ian Gray.

"The team is working extremely hard and wants to avenge the loss of the league title," said Shawsheen coach Jay Tildsley.



▲ A Shawsheen Tech pitcher delivers a pitch during Wednesday's scrimmage against Tewksbury as both teams prepare for their upcoming seasons.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

"We have been on top for the last five years and the players are digging in deep during this preseason and working extremely hard. We started with a goal in the off season to be the very best and if preseason is any indicator, look out for these Rams. Big things need to happen from our seniors, they know how to win championships, and we need to be able to capitalize in big meets."

direction this year."

BASEBALL

The Shawsheen Tech baseball team had another big year in 2024 and its hoping to do it again this spring.

The Rams went 17-3 a year ago, won the Commonwealth Athletic Conference title and then the state's vocational crown as well.

Seven seniors will spark the Rams, a group that includes Nate Galanis, Peter D'Orsi, Lukas Poirier, Robbie Welch, Will Holloway, Kevin O'Brien and Ryan Jamieson.

Top returning 11th graders include Will Trach, Dylan Pratt and Jake Carr.

Top returning newcomers include juniors Adam Caruso, Max Carpenter and Elijah Jimenez and sophomore Cole Pellegrino.

"We have a hungry group that loves to compete this year," coach Brian McCarthy said.

"We graduated a couple of key pieces from last year's team, but still bring back a solid core of players. The league will be very competitive this year from top to bottom. We will have our work cut out for us as we look to defend our league title."

SOFTBALL

Led by new coach Sean Hines, the Shawsheen Tech softball team is anxious to get back to the state tournament.

Shawsheen is led by captains Gianna Caruso and Francesca Reardon and will also be sparked by top returning players Kayla Mason, Stephanie Mac Keen, Alaina Powell, Claire Murphy, Hope DiDonato and Paige Martin.

New additions to the roster include Adrianna Churchill, Lucille Ferreira and Alivia Fulgoni.

"There is a bunch of potential with this group," Hines said. "Starting with the skill and leadership from our captains/seniors, we are looking to make a push in the right



Shawsheen Tech's Josh Baker, right, pivots away at the net from Milton defender Markus Pukel during Thursday's boys lacrosse season opener in Billerica.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

Pirates fall to 0-2 Arena football squad can't catch Quad City

(Courtesy of Massachusetts Pirates)

Massachusetts Pirates quarterback Kenji Bahar scored three times and threw his first touchdown pass of the season, but Massachusetts (0-2) could not hold a third-quarter lead and lost 37-33 to the Quad City Steamwheelers in Indoor Football League (IFL) action at the Tsongas Center in Lowell.

For the second consecutive week the Pirates defense forced multiple turnovers.

The first occurred on the game's first possession.

On a second-and-goal from the 5-yard line, Quad City running back Jarrod Ware Jr. was upended by the Pirates Matt Elam and fumbled out of the end zone for a touchback.

Two plays later however, Massachusetts quarterback Kenji Bahar was intercepted by linebacker Buba Arslanian.

Arslanian tipped the ball to himself and returned it 14 yards to the end zone for a touchdown and a 6-0 lead.

Massachusetts then embarked on a seven-play, 31-yard drive on its next possession which resulted in a Bahar two-yard touchdown run for the first lead change of the night with the Pirates up 7-6. The quarter ended with the Steamwheelers Kyle Kaplan missing a 58-yard field goal.

The Pirates had chances to widen that lead in the second quarter with a drive that reached the six-yard line. The Steamwheelers held and forced Massachusetts to kick a 21-yard field goal which was missed by Timmy Bleekrode.

On the next play, Quad

City's Daquan Neal connected with Keyvan Rudd, but defensive back Marquis Waters forced a fumble and when Marcis Floyd recovered, the Pirates had great field position.

When that drive stalled, a bad snap on a 30-yard field goal attempt turned the ball over on downs.

With new life, Neal and Rudd teamed up for a 15-yard catch and run.

Neal carried the next two plays to cap off a 3-play, 30-yard drive with a six-yard TD run and added a two-point conversion for a 14-7 lead.

The Pirates answered with Bahar finding Teo Redding with a three-yard touchdown pass to make it a 14-13 game. Redding finished the game with four receptions for 27 yards and a touchdown.

The Steamwheelers closed out the half with Kaplan kicking a 38-yard field goal for a 17-13 advantage.

In the third quarter Bleekrode missed a 45-yard field goal attempt, but the Pirates defense got its third turnover of the night as on fourth-and-one from the 14-yard line, Jordan Vesey ran for a first down but Elam forced his second fumble of the game as Waters recovered.

The Pirates then drove 26-yards in six plays with Dominic Roberto getting a 2-yard touchdown run to give Massachusetts a 20-17 lead.

Roberto carried 12 times for 40 yards in his first game with the Pirates.

Vesey would find redemption on the next two possessions.

He ended the quarter by catching an 11-yard touchdown pass from Neal to

give the Steamwheelers a 23-20 lead.

In the final quarter, after turning the Pirates over on downs, Neal and company were facing a fourth-and-10 at the 23. Neal threw to Vesey who was covered by the Pirates CJ Holmes in the corner of the end zone. Vesey and Holmes both had hands on the ball, but the Quad City receiver was able to wrestle it away and hold on for the touchdown, giving his team a 30-20 advantage.

The Pirates would come

right back with a 7-play, 40-yard drive that ended with Bahar scoring on a 2-yard plunge and Massachusetts trailed 30-27 with 3:38 remaining.

The game took a dramatic turn as Camron Harrell returned the ensuing kickoff 32 yards for a touchdown, hurdling Bleekrode at the 15-yard line on his way to the end zone, giving Quad City a 37-27 lead.

Bahar drove the Pirates to the final points of the game with 16 seconds left as he scored on a 1-yard

run for the 37-33 final.

The Pirates quarterback was the team's leading rusher with 43 yards on 12 rushing attempts. He was also 13 of 29 passing for 92 yards and a touchdown. Thomas Owens was his leading receiver with five catches for 29 yards.

Defensively for Massachusetts Marquis Waters, Jeblonksi Green Jr. and Dominic Quewon each had four tackles. Waters forced one fumble and recovered another, and Quewon added a sack.

This marks only the second time in team history that the Pirates have started the season at 0-2.

Massachusetts will now

have a bye week before returning to the Tsongas Center on April 12 to face the Fishers Freight at 7:05 p.m.

The 2021 United Bowl Champions; Massachusetts Pirates are members of the Indoor Football League (IFL) and play their home games at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell. For 2025 ticket information for the Massachusetts Pirates please call (508) 452-MASS (6277), email contact @masspiratesfootball.com or visit <http://www.masspiratesfootball.com>. Follow the Pirates on Facebook via Facebook.com/MAPirate, Instagram @mass.pirates, and X @mass.pirates.



Massachusetts Pirates wide receiver Teo Redding, left, breaks a tackle and picks up a first down during Friday's Indoor Football League game at the Tsongas Center.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

Providence makes for Lifestyle a great day trip

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

Providence, Rhode Island, is the third largest city in New England, but has often been overlooked as a travel destination. About an hour and a half away, Providence makes for a quick and easy getaway.

Providence is easily accessible via the MBTA commuter rail. Merrimack Valley residents can take the commuter rail into North Station and transfer to South Station; from there, it's about an hour ride on the Providence/Stoughton line to Providence Station. The \$10 Weekend Pass covers all rides on the commuter rail, making for an economical travel option compared to driving.

There's plenty to do in downtown Providence. The Providence Children's Museum is popular with ages ten and under, providing interactive exhibits on science, art and history. The Rhode Island School of Design Museum offers an impressive collection of global art from across the centuries; admission is free on Sundays — check the website for the events calendar.

There are plenty of fun marketplaces to check out in downtown Providence. The year-round farmers market at Farm Fresh Market Hall connects visitors with locally produced food and goods every Saturday.

The Providence Flea is held Sundays year-round; visitors can peruse an eclectic mix of hand-made and vintage goods from local artisans and vendors.

Don't leave Providence without trying a few of the

city's iconic treats. Coffee milk is the official beverage of Rhode Island; made by blending coffee syrup and milk, the popular drink is offered at cafes throughout the city.

Providence also has a booming donut scene — you could do a full-day tour just to explore the variety of the expertly crafted, wildly unique flavors that local bakers have created.

Make sure to visit Providence's first food hall, Track 15, which just opened this month. The food hall takes over the city's Union Station, which dates to 1898, and is the result of a \$25 million renovation of the 18,000 square foot space.

There are currently seven vendors representing culinary traditions from around the world, including Mexican, Indian, Anatolian, and Italian cuisines, as well as Rhode Island comfort food and local seafood. In addition to a full bar, the space provides a sophisticated yet welcoming eating space.

Menu boards pay homage to the building's history, mimicking the old split-flap time boards from train stations; items that are out of stock are listed as "departed."

Food halls are an excellent way to mix-and-match meal preferences for everyone in your party, and Track 15 lets you try a little something of everything — we thought the vegetable mushroom tacos at Dolores were delicious and the butter-bathed salt potatoes at There, There were to die for.

If you're ready to walk off some calories, take a self-guided walking tour

of one of the city's historic neighborhoods. Itineraries are available through the Providence Visitor Information Center and online. The tours offer visitors a chance to dive into the rich and unique nearly 400-year history of the city, with paths tracing Providence's industrial past, early Black history, and proud jewelry-making tradition.

Visit www.goprovidence.com for more information. If you're visiting on a weekday, the Rhode Island state house offers free docent-led tours twice a day; the building boasts the fourth largest self-supported marble dome in the world.

Round out your trip with a walk across the Providence River Pedestrian

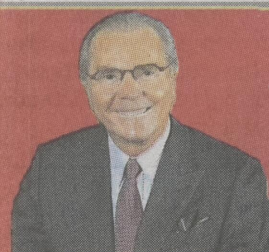


Bridge and be sure to snap a picture of the Providence skyline. The pedestrian way was reconstructed from an old highway bridge and provides a great place to sit and enjoy a beautiful day on the Providence River. Providence makes for a

great day trip to explore the history and culture of Rhode Island — be sure to add it to your New England travel list!

▲ Emma, a recent Emerson graduate, serves tacos at Dolores at Track 15 in Providence.

▼ Track 15 is a new downtown food hall that's a great lunch or dinner destination for your day trip to Providence. (Paige Impink photos)



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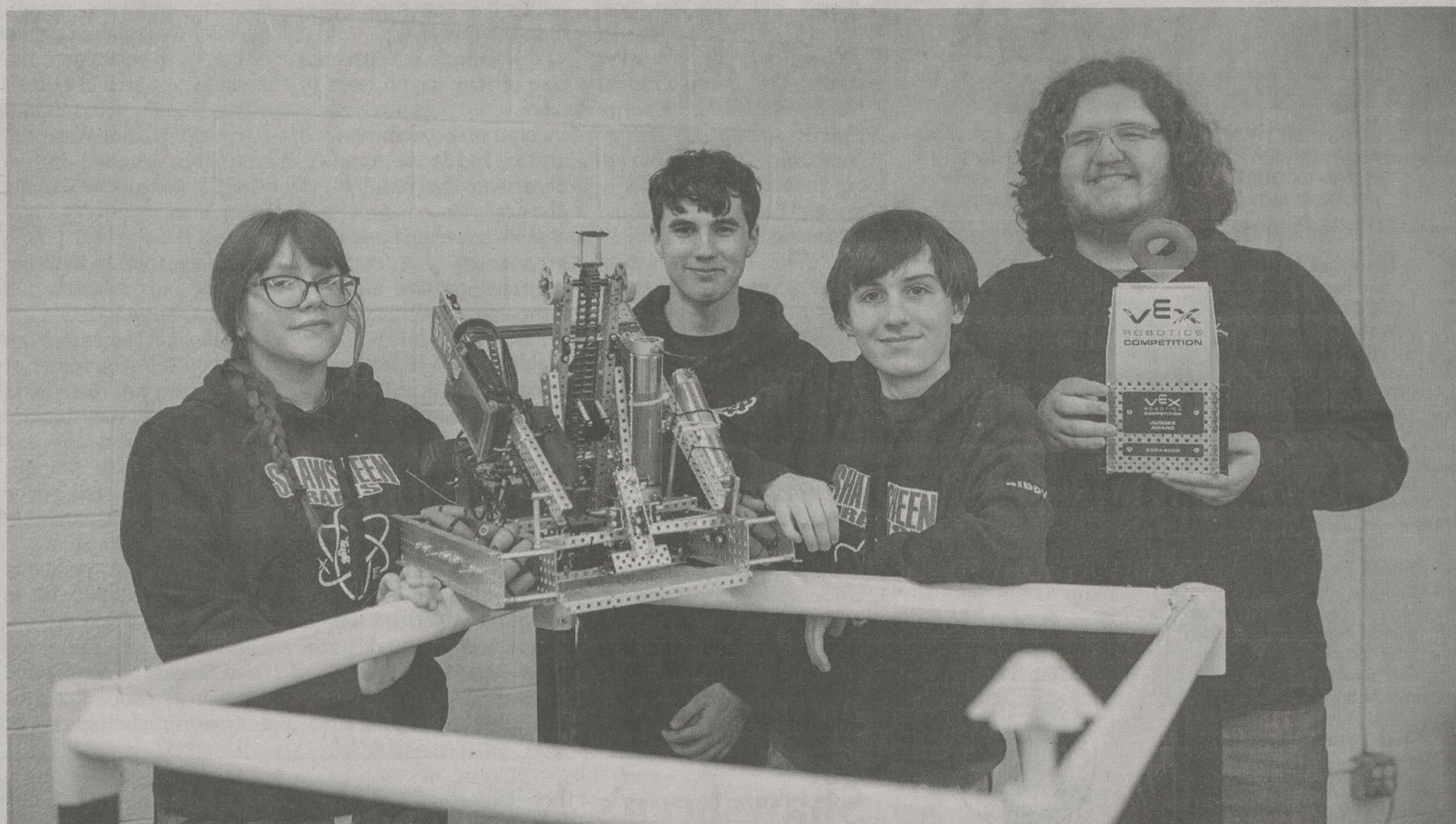
Shawsheen Tech's Robo Raiders earn Judges Award at VEX State Championship

BILLERICA — Shawsheen Valley Technical High School proudly sent teams from its robotics club to compete at the Massachusetts VEX V5 High School State Championship on Feb. 22 and 23 at Walsh Middle School in Framingham. Among them, Team D — self-named the “Robo Raiders” — stood out for their resilience, skill, and teamwork, earning the prestigious Judges Award, an honor a Shawsheen team has not received in a decade.

The Robo Raiders — a trio of juniors, Nicholas DiPietropolo, Jacob Halas, and Aidan Shanahan — demonstrated remarkable determination throughout the competition. While many teams had been preparing since summer, Shawsheen's club began in late September, making their performance all the more impressive.

Despite the shorter preparation time, they secured six wins and four losses, proving they could compete with top-tier opponents. Their success was a testament to their engineering ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and the strong technical foundation they developed at Shawsheen.

Unlike most VEX high school teams, which typically consist of four members handling distinct roles, the Robo Raiders functioned as a three-person team, dividing responsibilities among themselves: Nick DiPietropolo served as builder and programmer, Aidan Shanahan took on the roles of driver and notebook keeper, and Jacob Halas contributed as a co-builder



▲ Shawsheen's Team D proudly stands with their robot and the Judges' Award trophy. Team members earning the award include Nick DiPietropolo, Aidan Shanahan and Jacob Halas (not pictured). Also pictured are Brendan Ferrone and Alyvia Rowsky from Shawsheen's Team B. (Courtesy photo)

alongside Nick.

Despite facing significant hurdles, including limited development time and stiff competition from veteran teams, they persevered — continuously refining their strategies throughout the season. Their robot featured a mechanism drive, allowing it to strafe left and right without turning — an advanced design element that set them apart from other competitors.

Coach Collin Powers, a 2020 alumnus of Shawsheen's Engineering program, likened the team's competition journey to

climbing a mountain.

“D Team had the chance to upgrade their robot before the state competition, allowing them to stand toe-to-toe with the best, but time constraints prevented them from fully implementing changes,” Powers explained. “Despite that, they took on every challenge head-on, constantly upgrading between matches and causing some of the biggest upsets I've seen at States during my tenure.”

One of their most notable moments was a near-upset against the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams,

where they lost by just two points — a testament to Aidan's driving skills and the team's strategic play. Their perseverance and teamwork ultimately earned them the Judges Award, which recognizes teams that display special attributes such as exemplary effort, perseverance, teamwork, and professionalism.

The team credits their success to their coach and the hands-on experience gained through Shawsheen's technical education program.

“Students involved in VEX robotics teams not only

deepen their understanding of concepts across the STEM domains — Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics,” said Vocational Director David Nor-kiewicz, “but also engage in essential skills through collaboration with various groups during competitions. They develop critical engineering competencies such as computational thinking and troubleshooting, which enable them to identify and solve problems effectively.”

Coach Powers reinforced this, emphasizing that their ability to adapt and troubleshoot under pres-

sure stems directly from their CTE background.

As the season concludes, the Robo Raiders reflect on their experience with immense pride. Though they must now dismantle their robot, the team is already looking ahead to the next season, eager to apply everything they've learned.

With a strong technical foundation and valuable competition experience, Shawsheen's Robo Raiders are determined to return next year stronger than ever, with their sights set on competing on the world stage.

Public input sought for permitting controlling pollutants from entering waterways

BOSTON — The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a newly scheduled public hearing for an updated draft of the general permit for all small and regulated “Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems” (MS4s) located in Mass. The draft permit was initially placed on public notice last November. This affects more than 260 municipalities in the Commonwealth, all of which were already covered under the previous Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit that EPA issued in 2016.

The updated draft of this existing general permit continues to require MS4s to develop, implement, and enforce a “Stormwater Management Program” designed to control the discharge of pollutants from stormwater to water bodies to the maximum extent practicable, protect water quality, and satisfy appropriate requirements of the federal Clean Water Act.

EPA encourages and will accept written comments from the public on the Draft Permit during the notice period which ends May 21, 2025. The

Draft Permit and associated documents are available at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/massachusetts-small-ms4-general-permit>.

In addition, EPA will hold a virtual hearing for the Draft Permit on May 7, 2025 at 7 p.m. The registration for the virtual public hearing can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/massachusetts-small-ms4-general-permit#2024draft-mams4gp>.

Rainwater that falls on hard surfaces such as parking lots, roadways, and roofs can pick up pollutants that are then carried into local waterways via the storm drains, pipes, and ditches that make up municipal storm sewer systems. Stormwater runoff flows over these hard surfaces directly into storm drains so there is no opportunity for soil and plants to absorb the rainwater and filter out pollutants.

Pollutants lead to water quality issues (such as growth of harmful algae and bacteria and accumulation of trash, oil and grease, and metals) that can make waters unsafe for swimming and boating and can harm aquatic life.

The requirements in the Draft Permit largely follow or build on the requirements of the currently effective 2016 MA MS4 Permit. It also includes new requirements to expand public engagement, develop street design standards that feature nature-based solutions, develop an integrated system to track MS4 assets and maintenance, begin implementing plans developed under the 2016 Permit to install controls to treat stormwater runoff on permittee-owned property, and begin upgrading catch basins to better control solids in stormwater runoff.

The Draft Permit requires municipal permittees that discharge to nutrient-impaired waterbodies to begin installing stormwater treatment based on the Source Identification Reports developed under the 2016 Permit. Finally, the Draft Permit proposes a new requirement for permittees discharging to waterbodies in the Mystic River watershed to reduce the phosphorus load in stormwater discharges from hard surfaces by 20 percent within six years.

Wright participates in Emerson College stage production of I Love XXX

BOSTON — Emerson College student Maddie Wright of Wilmington participated in Emerson Stage's production of I Love XXX from February 5-8 at the Jackie Lieber-gott Black Box Theatre in Boston.

Written by Meng Jinghui, Shi Hang, Wang Xiaoli, and Huang Jingang, and directed by Tushar Mathew and Alison Qu, with translation by Claire Conceison. The play examines and questions the role of individual to the collective in post-socialist society and China's effort to resolve its past and look to the future. The work has no cast or characters, and every iteration is a unique improvisation based on the phrase “I Love” by its collective ensemble.

Emerson Stage and the Department of Performing Arts are where the next generation of actors, designers, stage managers, technicians, administrators, and educators work alongside distinguished faculty, professional staff, and visiting artists to bring skills learned in the classroom to vibrant life on stage.

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**CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

Docket No. MI25C0293CA

In the matter of:
Anthony Lucas Faria Freeman

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Anthony Lucas Faria Freeman of Wilmington MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree changing their name to: **Michael Anthony Guimaraes**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/22/2025.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 24, 2025
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
250350 4/3/25

LEGAL NOTICE



**NOTICE
TOWN OF TEWKSBURY**

Notice is hereby given that the Select Board, as cable television licensing authority under MGL 166A s.1, will conduct a public ascertainment hearing on **Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Select Board's Meeting Room at the Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA as part of the Town's Verizon New England, Inc., cable television license renewal process. The purpose of the proceeding is to allow the public and interested parties an opportunity to comment on Town renewal needs and the past performance of Verizon. Copies of renewal documents and records, if any exist prior to the hearing, shall be available for public inspection and copying via the Town Clerk or Office of the Town Manager.

In addition to the in-person public hearing, the hearing may be viewed in Tewksbury on Comcast Channel 6, Verizon Channel 33, and YouTube.com/TewksburyTV.

Input from the public is welcomed. The Select Board requests that written comments be submitted to the Select Board, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on or before noon **Tuesday, April 22, 2025**. By order of the Select Board as License Issuing Authority

Patrick Holland, Chair
Select Board
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LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of that certain mortgage given by Richard W. Proctor, Trustee of the March & Main Realty Trust to Tony Paglia, Trustee of the Paglia Trust and Richard Paglia, as tenants in common, dated February 19, 1999, and recorded with the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds at Book 09952, Page 255, which mortgage has been assigned to Robert D. Paglia and Richard J. Paglia, individually, and as tenants in common, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, said premises, and the buildings thereon, will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on the 16th day of April, 2025, on the mortgaged premises at 2212 Main Street, Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular, the premises described in said mortgage:

To Wit:

The land, with the buildings thereon, known and numbered as 2212 Main Street, Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Easterly side of Main Street and at Lot 3, as shown on Plan of Property surveyed for F.J. Foreman, A.N. Eames, Surveyor, dated April 2,

1949, recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds Book of Plans 75, Plan 79A; thence the boundary line runs Northerly by Main Street, two hundred sixty-two and 51/100 feet; thence turning at a right angle and running Easterly, two hundred feet; thence turning at a right angle and running Southerly by land now or formerly of Ellen Mullally, two hundred sixty two and 51/100 feet; thence turning and running Westerly by Lot 3, as shown on said Plan, two hundred feet to Main Street at the point of beginning.

Said premises are shown as Lot 4 on said Plan, containing 20,000 square feet and a parcel adjacent thereto on the Northerly side of said Lot 4 containing 32,502 square feet.

Reference is also made to Plan of Land in Tewksbury, surveyed for Alice L. McCann, Smith and Brooks, Civil Engineers, dated October 19, 1916, recorded with said Deeds, Plan Book 33, Plan 98.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagee by deed of The Laura Brogna Trust, dated August 12, 1997, recorded at Book 8723 page 17 at the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds.

The description of the premises contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Good Neighbor Energy Fund

Households in need encouraged to apply

CANTON — With the end to the moratorium on home energy shut-offs for customers of investor-owned utilities not on protected status, the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund's sponsoring energy companies are encouraging those in need to apply for assistance to the Fund as soon as possible by visiting their local Salvation Army Corps Community Center. If unsure of where the nearest Community Center is located, please visit magoodneighbor.org.

The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund is often the last resort for families who are in temporary financial difficulty and do not qualify for federal and state fuel assistance programs such as LIHEAP. The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division, which administers the Fund, pays the energy provider directly for house-

holds whose gross income falls between 60 and 80 percent of the state's median income levels.

For example, a household size of four would need to have a total gross yearly income of between \$94,609 and \$126,144 to qualify. This campaign year's Fund disbursement is \$400 per eligible household per heating season.

"Prices remain elevated for basic needs like food, rent and utilities which makes it tough for many Massachusetts residents to pay that monthly heating expense. As the end of the moratorium on energy shut-offs has neared, there has been an even greater increase in requests for energy assistance," said Justin Stearns, Chairperson of the 2025 Good Neighbor Energy Fund campaign and Manager of Credit & Collections for Unitil/Fitchburg Gas & Elec-

tric. "We encourage households that have hit a rough spot and aren't income eligible for federal or state assistance to consider the Fund as a source of relief."

The Fund's 40th annual "Give the Gift of Warmth" campaign is a cooperative effort between the Fund's 18 sponsoring energy companies, the general public and the corporate community to raise \$500,000 and help an anticipated 1,500 households. The campaign relies on the generosity of individuals, families, local corporations and foundations for support and has raised more than \$25 million and assisted over 96,000 households since its inception in 1985.

Massachusetts residents and businesses that wish to donate to the Fund are encouraged to use the green Good Neighbor Energy Fund donation envelope found as an insert in monthly energy

bills or scan the QR code found on the envelope. Some energy companies offer an 'add a dollar' program which allows customers to contribute on their monthly bill payment by one dollar or more. Anyone can also donate with a credit card online or simply mail a check payable to "Good Neighbor Energy Fund," c/o The Salvation Army, 25 Shawmut Road, Canton, Massachusetts 02021-1408. Participating energy companies support their respective customers' generosity through various giving programs.

To apply for the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund, visit your local Salvation Army Corps Community Center or call 800-334-3047 if you live in area codes 508, 617, 774, 781 or 978 or 800-262-1320 if you live in area code 413.

For more general information on the Fund, please visit magoodneighbor.org.

Shawsheen's National Honor Society inducted 28 students during ceremony

BILLERICA — Shawshreen Valley Technical High School proudly hosted its National Honor So-



ciety (NHS) Induction Ceremony, welcoming twenty-eight outstanding students into its prestigious ranks.

The ceremony was attended by faculty, staff, administration, as well as the inductees' family members and friends, making for a truly memorable evening of recognition and celebration.

The National Honor Society recognizes students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. This year's inductees have not only excelled academically but have also made significant contributions to Shawsheen and its community.

Shawsheen Tech extends a heartfelt congratulations to the following members of the Class of 2026 who were inducted into the National Honor Society: Rachel Botte, Maria Cafaro, Ava Cailler, Jessica DeChellis, Jailyn DiNuccio, Sophia DiTonno, Brendan Ferrone, Samantha Fisher, Maura Krueger, Charlie Mastronardi, Lily Middleton, Paige Nickerson, Maeye O'Brien, Karina Palencia-Marroquin, Jacoby Patterson, Rayssa Pereira, Olivia Quinn, Christina Rainone, Kai Rogers, Isaac Schmidt, Gemma Sweeney, and Kristal Wells.

Additionally, Shawsheen

▲ Newly inducted National Honor Society members from the Class of 2026 join the Class of 2025 NHS members for a group photo following the induction ceremony at Shawsheen Tech on March 13, 2025.

(Courtesy photo)

is proud to recognize the following seniors from the Class of 2025 who were inducted: Madison Chew, Leila Hurley, Lauren Mazzei, Roy Plewa, Logan Sproul, and Juliana Welch. The induction ceremony highlighted the commitment and dedication of these students, as well as the core values of the National Honor Society. Principal Cook and faculty members spoke about the significance of this achievement and encouraged the inductees to continue striving for excellence in all areas of their lives.

Shawsheen congratulates all the newly inducted members and their families for this remarkable accomplishment. The school looks forward to witnessing their continued success and contributions to both Shawsheen and the broader community.

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PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **April 16, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.** within the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, for a NOI application filed by Eco Auto for repaving and reconfiguration of the existing parking field within 100' of a bordering vegetative wetland.

The property subject to this application is located at **623 MAIN ST TEWKSBURY, MA, Assessor's Map 34-48.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Daniel Ronan
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LEGAL NOTICE



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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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The property subject to this application is located at **283 PLEASANT ST TEWKSBURY, MA, Assessor's Map 46-2.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

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necessary, by the Attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms and Conditions containing the above terms at the sale.

If the highest bidder fails to complete the purchase of the premises on the terms provided in this notice and in the Memorandum of Terms and Conditions signed following the sale, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the premises to the second highest bidder (or each subsequent highest bidder thereafter) who will then have five (5) days to deliver the deposit specified above to the Mortgagee's attorney as herein indicated, and to agree to a closing date for payment of the remaining balance of such subsequent highest bid and transfer of deed that is within thirty (30) days thereafter.

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**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN FOR
INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,
Section 5-304**

Docket No. MI24P6220GD

In the matter of:
**Carlos Fuentes, Jr of:
Tewksbury, MA**

**RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Mass. Dept. of Mental Health of Westborough, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Carlos Fuentes, Jr** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appoint-

ment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 04/17/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 20, 2025
Tara DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
250337 4/3/25

Members concerned about amount of money town would receive per pupil

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participation is June 1.

He provided information from the Department of Education for the committee to consider along with a frequently asked questions memo and the Massachusetts General Law they were operating under. He also included an overview of Wilmington's participation over the last two years and that of other surrounding districts.

Brand reminded the committee that school choice would allow non-Wilmington residents at certain grade levels designated by the School Committee to enter the school district and remain until they graduate. He said that he wanted to frame their consideration and what participation could look like considering their recent interest.

Brand highlighted the contractual class size limits of up to 20 students for pre-kindergarten through grade three and at the high school, and 25 at grades four through eight. He also provided their current enrollment and staffing projection which he reminded them was built into the annual budget.

He pointed out that the district had fiscal space restraints at most of the elementary grades, and there seemed to be a steady increase at the high school including the student retention rate between 8th and 9th grade.

Brand suggested that there may be capacity at the middle school for participation in school choice. However, he said that there may be a new capacity problem when those

extra students matriculate to the high school, and that they still house Wildwood students at the middle school.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi asked if there was any way to recuperate the cost of bringing in these new students, as the state law establishes that the receiving district will be paid \$5,000 from the sending district, but Wilmington's per pupil costs are much higher than \$5,000.

Brand said that this is a great question.

"There's certainly a large delta between our per pupil rate and what the other district provides," he continued.

He added the district's per pupil cost, over \$22,000, and said that the Department of Education used data from 2023.

Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott also stated that including out of district tuition, the average per pupil cost is more like \$24,000, and the reimbursement rate for special education services was 100 percent.

Brand mentioned that the money would be received by the town, not the district itself.

Mercaldi summarized that they were effectively subsidizing the students entering the district by school choice.

Stephen Turner stated that while he was conceptually interested in school choice, he was struggling with the low amount to be received by the town. He said that he felt that this number should be tied to inflation.

He also asked if the committee members would want to ask their town and

state representatives to try to create legislation to increase the number. He agreed with the sentiment that they would be practically subsidizing children of other towns at the expense of Wilmington children.

Brand also said that he would've brought a different recommendation were it not for the recent high school schedule change which added an extra course block and therefore limited space for new students.

Jay Samaha said he became more interested in school choice over the last few years. He agreed that with the class sizes and schedule changes at the high school, there was little benefit in school choice there. Should they participate at the middle school level, he saw the need to hire more teachers which would increase the budget for little amount received from the sending district.

"I'm pretty much under the understanding that I don't see how this would help us as district," he continued.

David Ragsdale reminded the committee that they ask the town only for the money that they think is necessary every year as part of their obligation to the town and its students. He said that he couldn't justify having to increase the budget because of enrollment increasing through school choice.

Jesse Fennelly commented that everyone's points were well taken and they would need this information to make an informed decision.

More discussion would follow on this topic at their next meeting in April.

Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy diaper drive

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy will sponsor a diaper drive to help support Paula's Angels by providing diapers and wipes

to local mothers in need on April 12, 2025 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sunday, April 13 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the 4th of July Building Parking lot. The Easter

Bunny will be there to take photos with the children!

Please contact Janet Engrem (617)957-2460 or e-mail her at jknje@comcast.net.

Annual water main flushing program

WILMINGTON — On Tuesday, April 22, 2025, the water division of DPW will begin its annual water main flushing and valve exercising program. The flushing program will be conducted on Monday through Friday from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. The program will take approximately

eight weeks to complete.

Flushing the water mains aids in removing sediments that collect in the pipe line resulting in improved water quality. Unfortunately, this work may temporarily cause some discolored water but should become clear after running your cold water for a

few minutes. The water will remain safe to drink during this program.

If you have any questions or problems with your water, please call the DPW — Water Division Office at (978) 658-4711. The DPW wishes to thank you in advance for your patience in this endeavor.

Wilmington's Conservation Commission looking for input on potential wetland bylaw

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Conservation Commission is discussing the potential for a local wetland bylaw for the town. Local wetland bylaws are a tool used by neighboring towns to regulate and protect wetland resource areas, some of which are not protected by state or federal regulations.

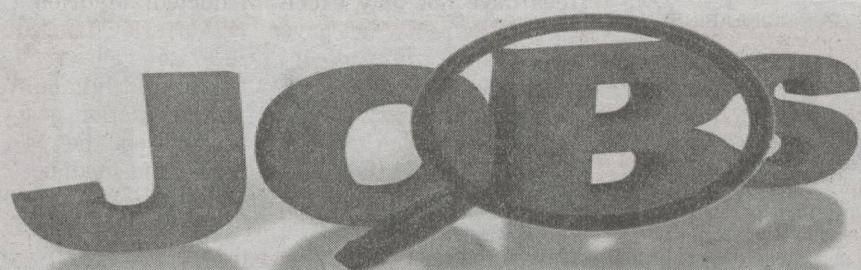
The Commission is looking for resident feedback on wetland topics and a potential local bylaw through an online survey. The survey link can be found on the town's website and can be accessed here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WilmingtonWetlandSurvey>

Paper copies of the survey are available at the

Wilmington Memorial Library and upon request at the Department of Planning & Conservation. The survey will run through April 25, 2025. Residents of every age are encouraged to take the survey.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Planning & Conservation at 978-658-8238.

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Healey-Driscoll Administration awards money to Wilmington in innovation career pathway grants

ATHOL — The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced \$1 million in Innovation Career Pathway grants to 29 school districts. This funding enables districts to plan and implement pathway programs that provide students with coursework and experiences in high-demand STEM industries before they graduate high school, including in health care, technology, manufacturing, life sciences, and environmental sustainability.

Blackstone-Millville, Milford, Old Rochester (regional district serving Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester) and Wilmington school districts are receiving funding to design Innovation Career Pathways programs for the first time.

Governor Maura Healey and Education Secretary Patrick Tutwiler made this announcement today at Athol High School, where they saw the impact of the

manufacturing pathway firsthand from students.

“In Massachusetts, we want to ensure that what students learn in school helps them get to where they want to go, while also meeting our workforce needs. That’s why we are investing in Innovation Career Pathways. Today’s funding will help expand these critical opportunities — from Northampton to Barnstable — that inspire students to plan career paths for today’s innovation economy,” said Governor Maura Healey.

“Our administration has invested in Innovation Career Pathways, Early College programs and career technical education opportunities because we know they allow students to explore careers and make critical connections with local businesses and mentors,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “I am grateful to the administrators, educators, employers and community partners

who make these programs possible.”

As part of the Executive Office of Education’s “Reimagining High School” initiative, students participate in internships, college-level courses, and hands-on learning experiences that align with their career interests through Innovation Career Pathways. Today’s announcement builds on the \$387,000 in Innovation Career Pathway Planning Grants awarded to 26 school districts in October, with \$10 million in funding dedicated to these programs under the administration to-date. Further, the administration last year awarded pathways to 36 new programs with over 8,000 students participating across all pathways. Governor Maura Healey’s 2025 State of the Commonwealth address lifted up the importance of Innovation Career Pathways.

“We want to support our public schools to enable students to see the connection between what they are learning and what they will need to know in the future. Today’s Innovation Career Pathways investment promotes engaging STEM experiences for students, while deepening local connections with employers and future career opportunities,” said Education Secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler.

“In our Educational Vision, we say we want learning to be relevant, real-world and interactive, and that’s exactly what Innovation Career Pathways bring to students,” said DESE Acting Commissioner Russell D. Johnston. “I look forward to learning what students explore and achieve as a result of these offerings.”

“As a graduate of Athol High School and co-owner of a local manufacturing company, I am so pleased to see Innovation Pathways programs available to our students,” said Representative Susannah Whipp. “This program offers needed opportunities to our students. I’m very grateful to have Governor Healey making her announcement here today.”

“The L.S. Starrett Company is proud of its continued support to the fu-

ture manufacturers of America, partnering with Athol High School since 2017. With this collaboration, Starrett brings co-op students who have passed the PMI class to work during their second semester as they have achieved all the credits needed for graduation,” said Tim Cucchi of L.S. Starrett Company. “As a result, Starrett gains some assistance in the factory, AHS secures employment for students, and most importantly the students get real-life work experience in a manufacturing environment. Not only are the hard skills put to the test, but the soft skills as well, i.e. showing up on time, demonstrating their work ethic, and the value of such when payday arrives. Students are the future!”

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WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Conservation Commission invites residents of all ages to participate in a town-wide cleanup effort in our parks and on neighborhood trails during Earth Day Week April 16 through Earth Day on April 22.

Join with your family, friends, neighbors, organizations, and local businesses in making Wilmington even more beautiful. Individuals and groups planning a cleanup effort are encouraged to contact the Department of Planning & Conservation for supplies, priority locations, and additional details.

Your efforts to beautify Wilmington’s parks and conservation lands by removing litter and debris will not go unnoticed! Send your best Earth Day cleanup photo to clynch@wilmingtonma.gov for a chance to win a gift card. While you are out and about, cleaning up, please remember to dress appropriately and wear sunscreen and insect repellent.

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